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Tricia Freeman

Tricia,

If I wasn't listening to Mr. Hall's jokes right now, I think I'd be crying. We have been through so much together. We've had our disagreements, but we've had some great times together. I will miss you so much next year. I really don't think I can say anything more that you don't already know. Take care next year. I love you,

Carney "79"

Tricia,

We've been together for the past 6 years and you are a very sweet girl and a good friend. We've really had a great time the past three years! All those football games, basket ball games - 3 wks of camp and those spend the night parties! Tricia, you keep in touch and keep - Chuck! because I knew that you all belonged together! I wish you the best of luck!

Love always

Fran "79"

Dear Tricia -

Hey girl - Hasn't it been a fun year - now here we are graduating - can you believe that the time flew by so fast. I am super glad that we were cheerleaders together and got to be such good friends. I always remember the fun at games and pep rallies - practices etc. Keep in touch come up to Wisconsin

Luv Ya,

Twanu

Dear Tricia - I think you are one of the sweetest girls I know - the only person who can be nice to certain people (who shall remain nameless). I really didn't know you in 7th grade at Bailey - I'm so glad I came to Murrah. These "b4" two years and [illegible] to know you! Just in the [illegible] past few months we've gotten to [illegible] much better friends, especially [illegible] all these senior parties! I [illegible] love knowing you - I'll see [illegible] over the summer I know, [illegible] hopefully next year too.

Lots of Love,

Mary Bowl (M.B.)

Tricia,

Wow - we have known each other for so long and have had some fun times together!! Always remember that I love you and I wish you and Chuck the best! Good Luck - Love ya,

Kandye '79

Tricia,

Hey "Cookie"! I am so excited I have really gotten to know you this year I always knew you but this year I've really gotten to know what a sweet cookie you are. Our trip to Ole Miss is something I will always remember. I'm gonna come stay with you next year in your room you take care of Chucky Monkey. OK?!, GOD Bless you

I love you.

Maud DeLe

Triscia,

I wish we could have gotten to know each other better this year. I hope you have a great summer and a fantastic freshman year.

Love always, Jan

Trish (Fish) I'm so glad that we've gotten to be friends. The Senior year this year has been great! Be good next year at Ole Miss with Chuckie Monkey! I love you + I'll miss you next year!

Love,

Jan '79

Tricia,

Beenonice Knowing you! Love you forever. I will miss you beautiful smile and voice. When you are everdown from Ole Miss come and see me.

Love,

Sheila Snyder

Dear Tricia,
I think you are a very sweet and very pretty girl. I hope that I will see you alot this summer. If Chuck ever drops dead, please look me up.

Much love,
Michael

Tricia –
I really can't believe we're leaving Murrah, (I know I've probably said that 1,000,000 times) Tricia, over the past 3 years, we've really become good friends. We've had some bad times I know, but what I remember the best is the fun times we've shared together as cheerleaders and friends. This past year has really been a hard one, but you've helped me out alot. I'm sure that we've had alot of hidden disagreements (whatever?) with cheerleading, but it all worked out. (and if it didn't, well, it's over now!) (I think I might not be making any sense, as usual!) Years from now when you look back at this, remember all the good times we had —

10th grade: Homecoming, the famous chase: hop it, chop it...; Stangles, Tricia Sue Sssnake,

11th grade: the famous "campout", egging a certain person's house, Slater, football and basketball games, interesting talks (certain things I won't mention)

12th grade: cheerleader spend-the-night parties, the water tower, you and Tracy cussing at me during practice, throwing eggs again during Homecoming, Gulf Shores!

And now graduation! I'm sure there will be more memories from tonight. Tricia, you're a very special person. Take care of yourself (and Chuck) at Ole Miss next year. You'll be making lots of new friends, but don't forget about the friends you have here – ME! I luves ya, Becky

MHS:

Comin' alive when the band plays *'Disco Inferno'*, juniors get up and boogie down.

'My left ear went out for the first time in 9 years.' Senior spirit sees Curtis Hall go deaf at the Wingfield pep rally.

In
1978
960 students
61 faculty members
3 administrators
4 office workers
6 custodians
and
12 cafeteria workers
arrived in
229 cars and
17 buses
competed for space
in
143 parking places
67 rooms
1122 lockers
980 auditorium seats
182 doorways
and
each one in some way
proclaimed
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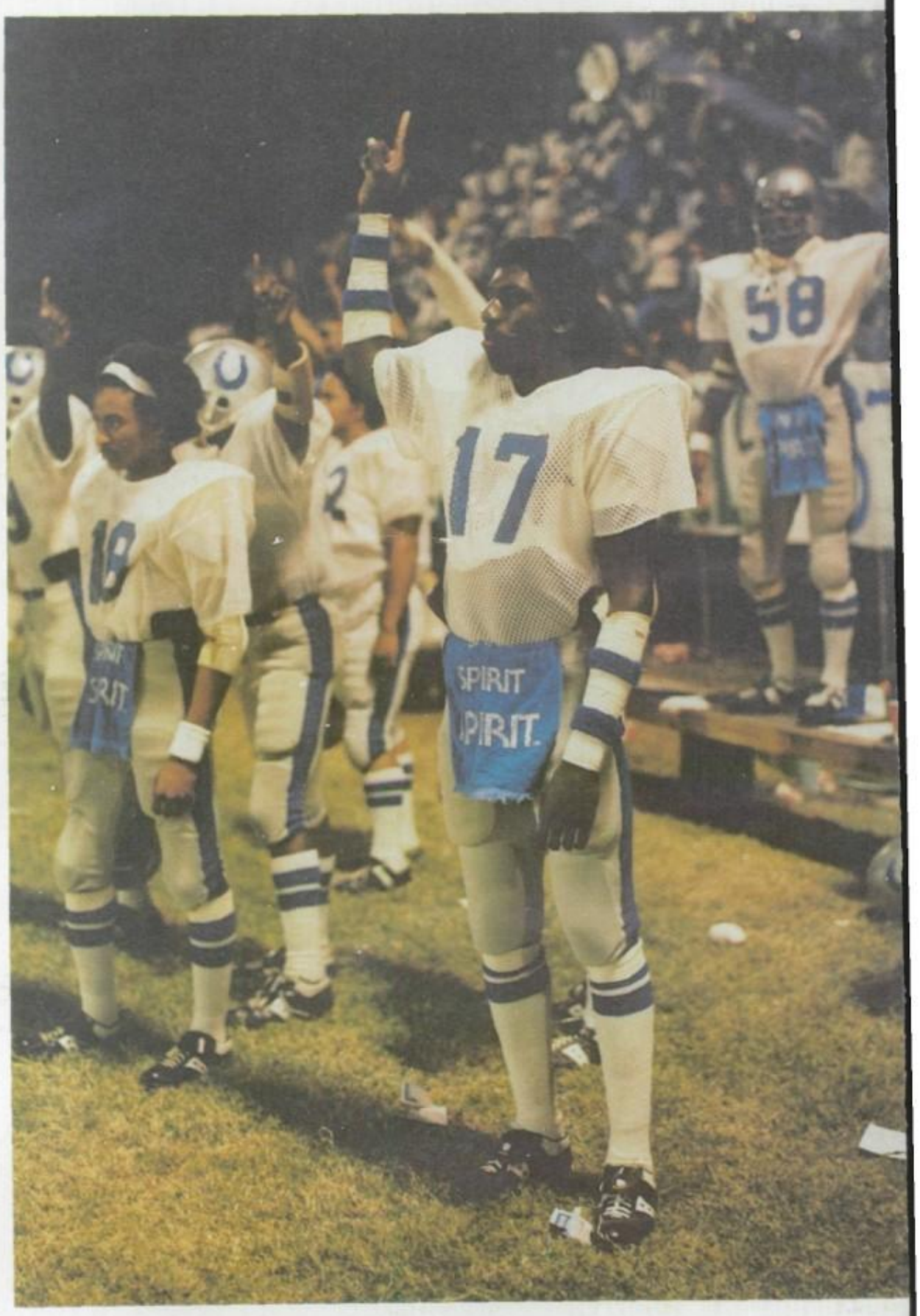
M is for Murrah! Spectators at Jackson State's homecoming parade easily identify Charles Fields' band.

Which way to O.K. Corral? The horse freaky-deakies at pep rallies, football games, and all other charitable functions.

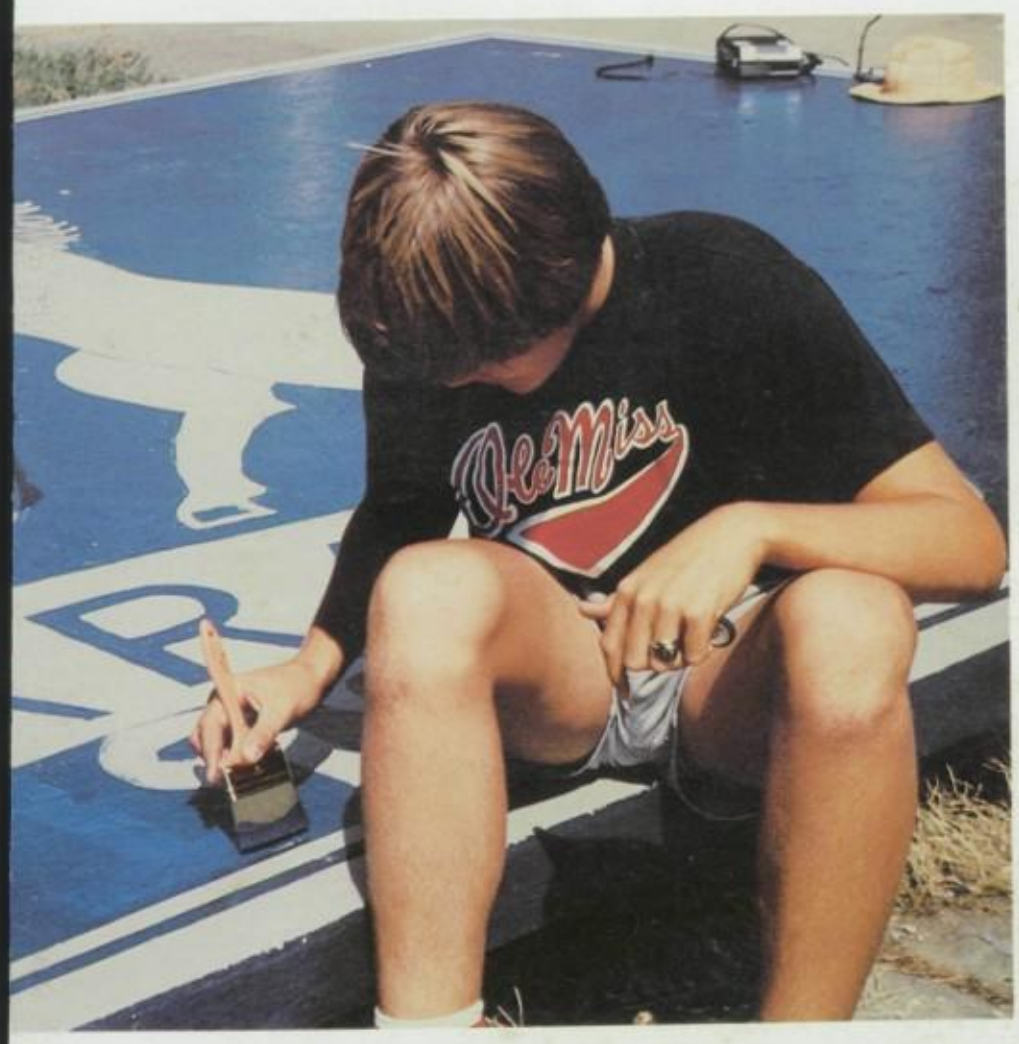
We're Still

In the twenty-four years that Murrah has existed, numerous changes have occurred. Many types of people have come and gone, but they have left behind a continuing legacy of pride. *Murrah Pride* — that indomitable spirit that inspires each loyal Mustang to proclaim, *We're still the one!* — in so many ways: painting MHS #1 on the water tower, screaming *Roll Blue* until you're hoarse at pep rallies, sweating the summer away at cheerleader, Miss, band, and football practice, buying all the royal blue crepe paper in town for homecoming, beaming with joy during the traditional Christmas Candlelight Concert, capturing the first place award at the State Mu Alpha Convention, and commemorating the birthday of William Belton Murrah in a special ceremony on May 19 . . . Our standards have remained high, and we can say with pride — *MHS: We're Still the One!*



Spirit! Number 17, Antonio Gibson, wishes his team good luck at the Forest Hill game.

Touch-up job. A defective spot on the school patio is concealed by hard-working Boty McDonald.



Perfect Formation. The crowd is treated to a superior half-time show by the Mustang marching band.

Stangs are Dynomite! The cheerleaders and the Horse know it — Forest Hill found out by the end of the game.

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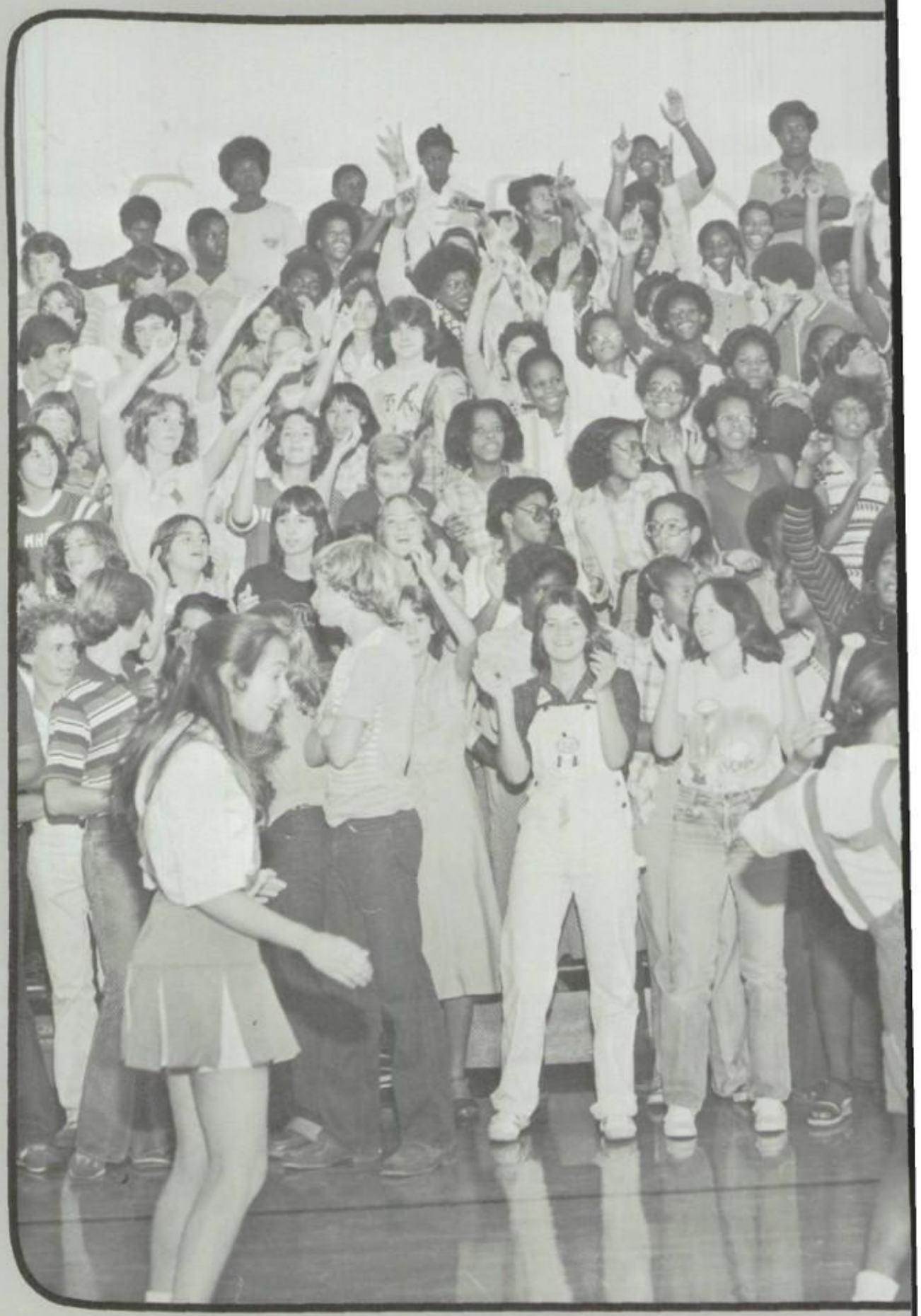
The One!

What is a student?
A learner, a scholar.
One who studies.
One who attends a school.
The student at Murrah
is all of these and more.
He learns, (sometimes in
spite of himself.)
He sometimes walks
the halls.
But there is often a
class he will not miss.
He studies — usually the
night before the test.
He talks and gossips
on the patio,
even after the bell
has rung.
He keeps an eye on the
watertower.
He loves pep rallies.
And most of all,
he insists that MHS is
STILL THE ONE!



'We're Number 1!' Sophomores demonstrate genuine Mustang spirit in pep rallies.

Student life

The 1978 Homecoming Court observes the pep rally in their honor.

Senior Maid. A beaming Winkie Lockhart is escorted by quarterback Bernard Lucas during the homecoming pep rally.

Cool dudes. Could that really be Daron Wilson and Danny Rainey?? Yes, when it's Grease Day.

No way! Steve Goodman tries to persuade Warren Tate to hazard a journey across Riverside Park's swinging bridge. Dennis Smith and Ben Peeler play it safe and return to the Singers' picnic.

Mississippi Coliseum. Murrah students are brought together in this building by concerts, basketball games, rodeos, and most important — graduation.

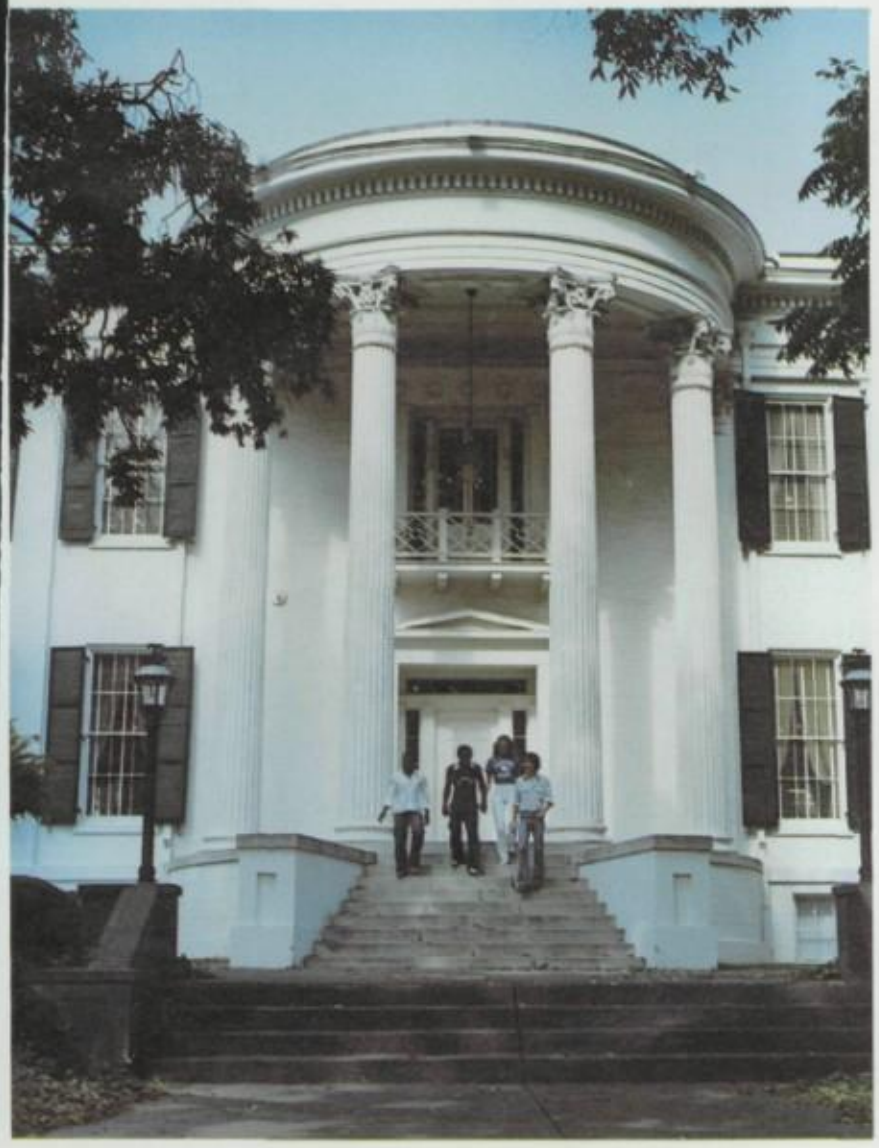
Cruisin' the Capital

On the banks of the Pearl River, about 40 miles east of the Mississippi River and 100 miles west of the Alabama line, lies Jackson. Situated approximately halfway between Memphis to the north, and New Orleans to the south, the city has earned the title, *Crossroads of the South.* Jackson grew up around Louis LeFleur's trading post, and was originally known as LeFleur's Bluff. Later the name was changed to honor Andrew Jackson.

Capital city, convention center, and college town, Jackson is home to 324,400 citizens of a thriving three-county metropolitan area. The city was recently recognized in a research program by the University of Nebraska as being one of the 15 most desirable cities in the United States in which to live. Jackson is governed by a mayor and two commissioners. Mayor Dale Danks is a graduate of Murrah. There are 46 schools in the Jackson Separate School District: 30 elementary, 9 junior highs, and 7 senior highs.

Seat of Mississippi's government, the new capitol, completed in 1903, will undergo restoration in 1979.

Strolling down Capital Street — Mary Powel Jabaley, Cordelia Douzenis, and Margaret Gibson take a breather from fifth period.



Headquarters of William Sherman during the union occupation of Jackson in the War Between the States, the Governor's Mansion is listed in the National Register of Historical Preservation. It is the oldest governor's mansion in the nation still housing a state chief executive.

Murrah's Gayfer Girls: Leslie Jordan, Tonya Thomas, Debbie Berman, Gwen Miller, and Tricia Freeman enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Smith Park, located in the heart of Jackson's business district.

Winding Down

Strains of *Pomp and Circumstance* issued from the auditorium on May 26, 1978 as the members of the Senior class entered for Class Day ceremonies. Following Joey Robertson's invocation, senior members of the Murrah Singers sang *We've Only Just Begun* and *the Alma Mater.* After Senior President Sheila Dobson addressed her class for the last time, school letters and awards were presented by Principal James Merritt. Eric Watson closed the program with a rendition of the *Lord's Prayer.*

Two hundred and forty-eight Murrah seniors filled the halls of the Mississippi Coliseum on June 6, for graduation exercises. To relieve any tension, they talked among themselves until time came for their big moment. After Student Body President Xavier Smith's speech, Principal Merritt presented the class for graduation. Then came the moment for which they had waited 12 years. Dr. Robert Fortenberry, Superintendent of Schools, presented diplomas.

Officially graduated, they recessed to the entrance hall for congratulations. Their joy, however, as indicated by the tears of some, was tempered by sadness that they were no longer Murrah's Senior Class, but Murrah alumni, Class of '78.

Congratulations! STAR student Bobby Nevins receives yet another award from Mr. Merritt.

We've Only Just Begun! Singer President Billy Beard leads the senior Singers in a moving final performance on Class Day.

'... *Frank Raymond Bullock, Joseph Charles Butler* ...' Principal Merritt reads the names of those who have graduated.

The Matt Miller Memorial Award is presented to Sara Marks in a moving speech by Matt's father, Dean Miller.

'57 down, 191 to go.' Diplomas are presented to graduates by Superintendent of Schools, Robert Fortenberry.

Spring Fling

Spring, to the Murrah Singers, meant Gatlinburg. The annual trip to this Tennessee resort was for many Singers the highlight of their year. Lyn Denson, *Mouth Monitor,* kept order on the thirteen-hour bus ride, which began at 8:15 a.m., May 11. Public displays of affection were sternly discouraged by Billy Beard and Carolyn Weathersby. Although sleeping four or five to a room, all Singers kept their rooms spotless under the guidance of *Mr. Clean* — Allen Phares. These and other restrictions did not lessen enjoyment of the trip, for Barbara Massey, director and chaperone, allowed everyone to chew gum!

William Belton Murrah might have sat up and smiled had he been able to witness the ceremony commemorating his birthday, May 19. Tracy Bell and Missy Nevins did research on his life and organized the ceremony. Although the City Fathers were not very enthusiastic about the whole affair, they allowed the advanced American History class to proceed when teacher Diane Canterbury pledged her word that no disrespect would be allowed. A picnic at Riverside Park completed the festivities, but a delay at Popeye's forced the students to eat their dessert before the arrival of fried chicken. Nevertheless, everyone was glad to have gotten out of school and to have had a chance to honor . . . um . . . that Murrah guy.

Nap time. The long bus ride to Gatlinburg exhausts Tricia Freeman and Chuckie Monkey.

Canterbury's Crew. Mrs. Diane Canterbury, surrounded by her crew, thoroughly enjoys the festivities on William Belton Murrah Day.

Benediction. Murrah's Louis Armstrong, Robert Smith, renders his version of 'Taps' at William Belton Murrah's grave.

Riverside Park is the favorite picnic spot of Murrah groups in all seasons.

Clowning around. A stop outside Gatlinburg gives Singers Rob Weaver, Robert Shearry, Peabody McGee, and Allen Phares a chance to stretch their legs and their smiles.

Boogie Fever!

Rock around the clock. Cheerleading is more fun on Grease Day for Carney Stevens and partner Tricia Freeman.

Another 'Little Tramp'. Thomas McKinley on Grease Day is reminiscent of Charlie Chaplin.

A fad in some places, but a tradition at Murrah is dancing. Most Mustangs will dance anywhere; a fact made obvious at every pep rally. Ronald Cooper expressed the feeling best: 'When you listen to music you may automatically pat your foot. Then you just get up and dance.' The Grease Day pep rally on October 6 provided a showcase for the wildest display of boogie fever all year, as guys and gals imitated dances seen in recent movies set in the fifties. At other pep rallies the dancers chose more modern favorites such as: the freaky dog, spank, worm, and 'John Travolta.'

Formal dances like Homecoming and the Junior-Senior Prom have been well attended by students. The steps seen at these events were the same modern ones done at the pep rallies, and the dancers obviously enjoyed doing them. Paul Franklin likes the new dances. He said, 'They make you look good. I like to be with a girl, especially if she's a good dancer. You can jam all night long.' A lady Mustang expressed her feelings thus: 'Dancing? It's fun! Disco is fun. You get to go out and wear something you can't usually wear. It's good exercise too!' Most students agreed with Francina Cage when she said, 'Dancing is an exercise you can enjoy.'

Get down! Homecoming '78 provides Jeff Spitchley an opportunity to show his moves.

Hey, Big Boy! Kim Felts shows Kurt Ulrich her fancy footwork at the Homecoming Dance.

'You sly devil, you!' Grace Baringer and Lydia Norris have a swinging thing going at the pep rally on Grease Day.

Fun In The Sun!

Summer . . . those long, sticky days of sunbathing, swimming, and goofing off . . . drifted away all too soon. Summer meant a diversity of activities for students. While Ishia Chapman and Sara Henderson spent the summer earning extra credits in summer school, Houston Wells, Alisa Wilson, Daniel Holmes, and Eddie Elward earned extra cash with jobs. Vacations took MHS students all over the United States and Europe. Mary Powel Jabaley and her family enjoyed the Colorado Rockies, Margaret Gibson visited with former student Tracy Bell in Washington, D.C., and Vicki Sallis explored Oxford, England with her parents. For others, shorter trips to the coast, the reservoir, and the local swimming pool were frequent. Groups such as Misses, cheerleaders, Band, and football team practiced daily in the 90 degree heat in anticipation of September and the new school year.

Summer meant air conditioning, watermelons, barbeques, picnics, and tennis. It meant playing basketball all day to get in shape for the team. Summer meant days at the Reservoir not daring to go in because *Jaws II* had made an impression. Summer meant going to the Paramount on dollar night and viewing R rated movies. Summer meant sitting around the camp fire singing. It meant watching Redd Foxx *On Location* 8 times on HBO. Summer meant a loss of time. No one was ever really sure what day it was. Summer meant all night poker games and then getting up groggy to go to work. Most of all summer meant a time for relaxation, and anticipation for the new school year.

Is anybody watching? Following a long week at cheerleader camp, Tonya Thomas sneaks a bite of a Wendy's hamburger.

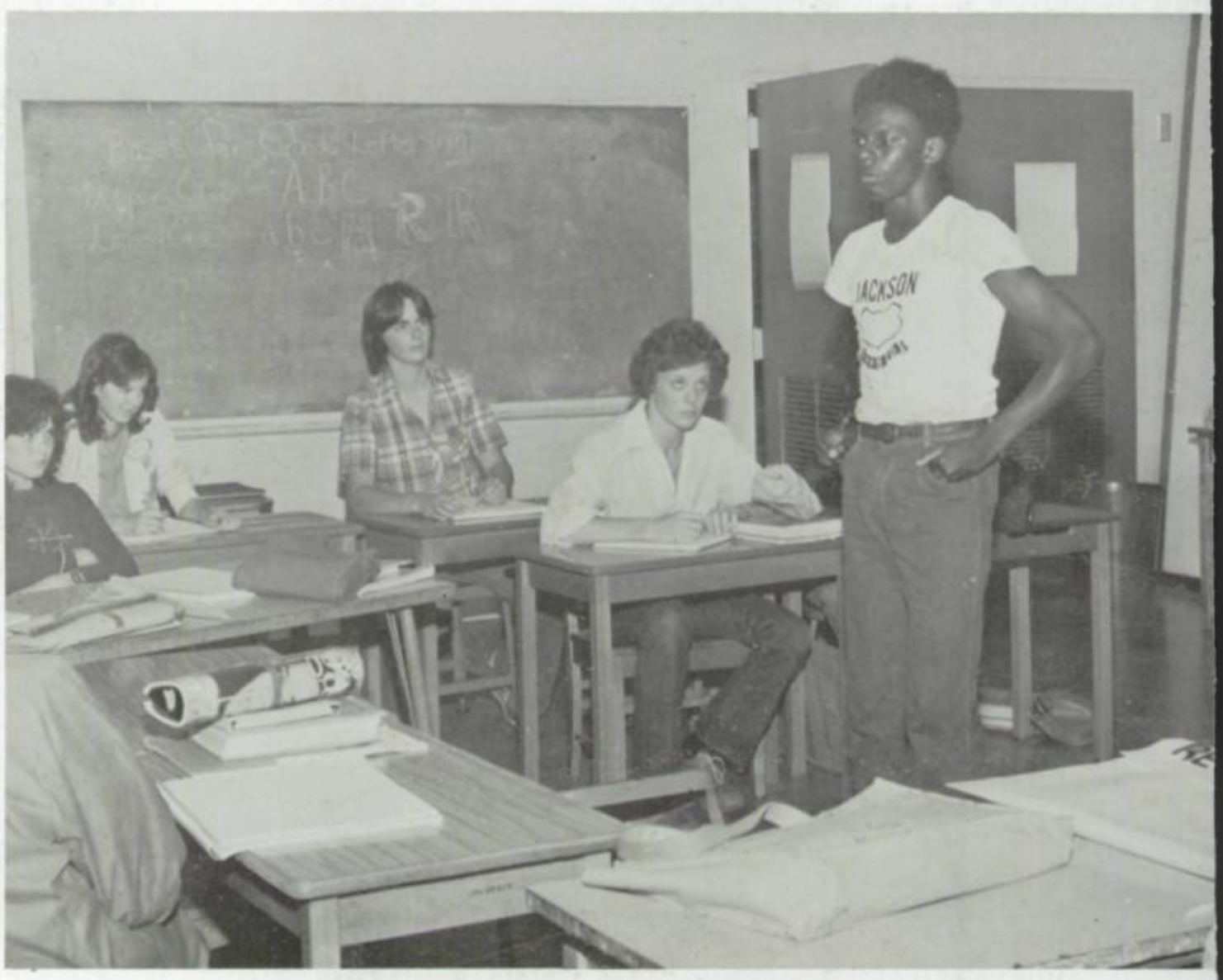
Murrah is number 1! Between sessions at yearbook camp in Long Beach, Mississippi, Cordelia Douzenis displays true Murrah Pride by making her mark on Ship Island.

Mm mm good! Michael Jabaley enjoys a French beignet in New Orleans' French Quarter.

Ricky Denson and Maude Deles Gober enjoy each other's company in New Orleans during a church choir tour.

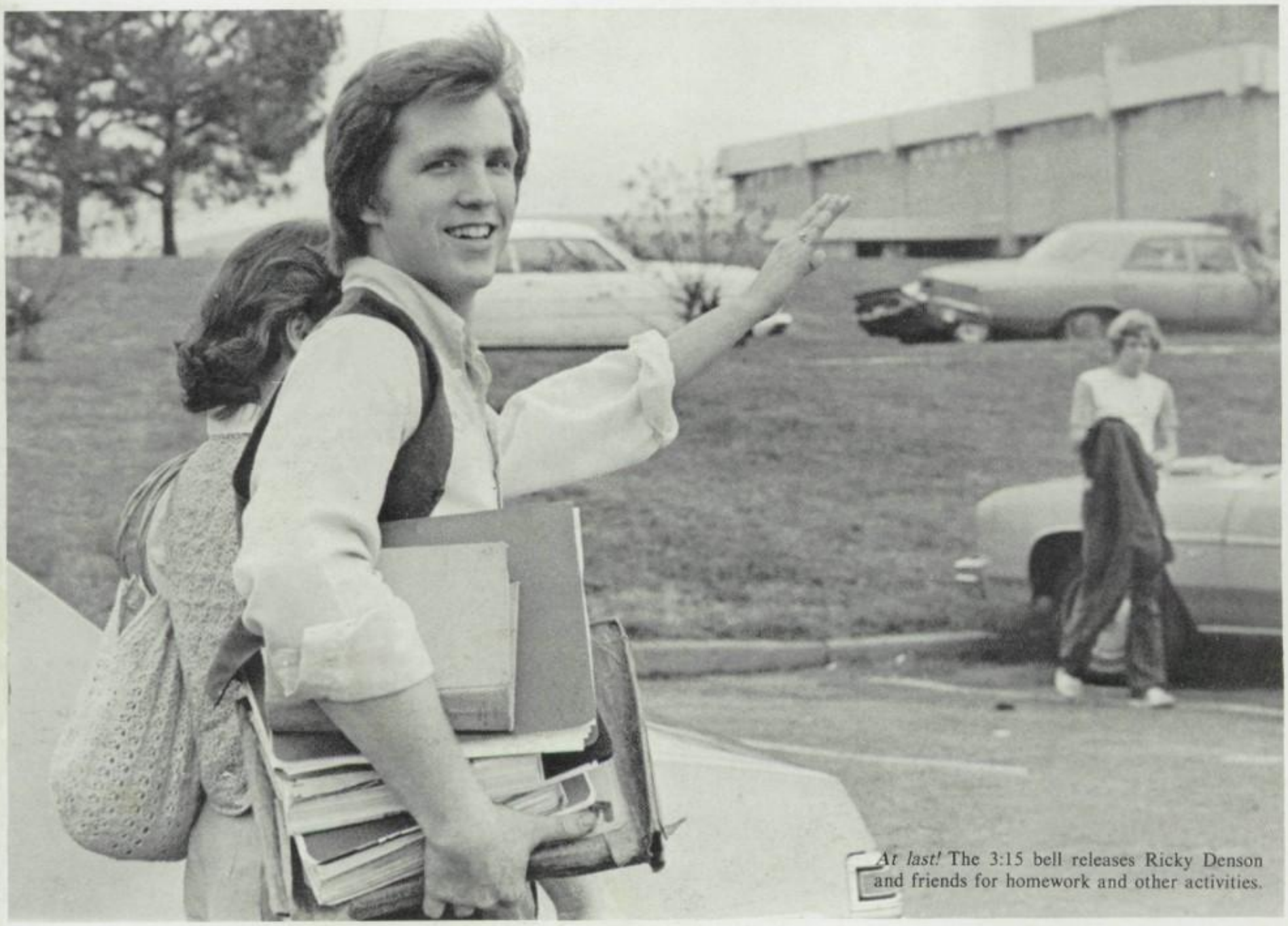
I'm from Murrah, couldn't be prouder! Carney Stevens smiles for the camera before competition at Delta State Cheerleading camp.

I can't stand here all day! Ray Walker poses as a model for Mrs. Richardson's art class.



Ho hum! Same time, same place — Jim Slater is back at Murrah.

Situps? You've got to be kidding! Opening exercises in physical education lack appeal for Jennifer Gilmer.



At last! The 3:15 bell releases Ricky Denson and friends for homework and other activities.

Welcome Back!

Although parents did not come 'Back to School' until the PTSA meeting November 13, students had been there since September 5. During the August 29-31 registration some students got their first look at the building since last June, but football players, band members, Misses, cheerleaders, and painters of the patio had been in and out for the past month. Going to classes in the fall, however, was quite different from roaming the halls in the summer. Students groaned from long homework assignments as free afternoons became a thing of the past. Assistant Principal Mangum spent hours opening troublesome lockers as juniors and seniors tried (sometimes succeeding) to open their old lockers from the year before. Sophomores became acquainted with their new school and its various organizations in a special orientation assembly September 13. Football games, paint parties, and Campus Life meetings loomed as weekly events.

Because of a School Board ruling, classes began 15 minutes later than last year. Otherwise, the daily routine changed little. Although the first days of classes may have been tedious for some, and enjoyable for others, most soon felt that school had been going on forever.

17 right — 15 left and then ?? Opening a new locker detains Rogers Winters on the first day of school.

Paint, Patio, & People

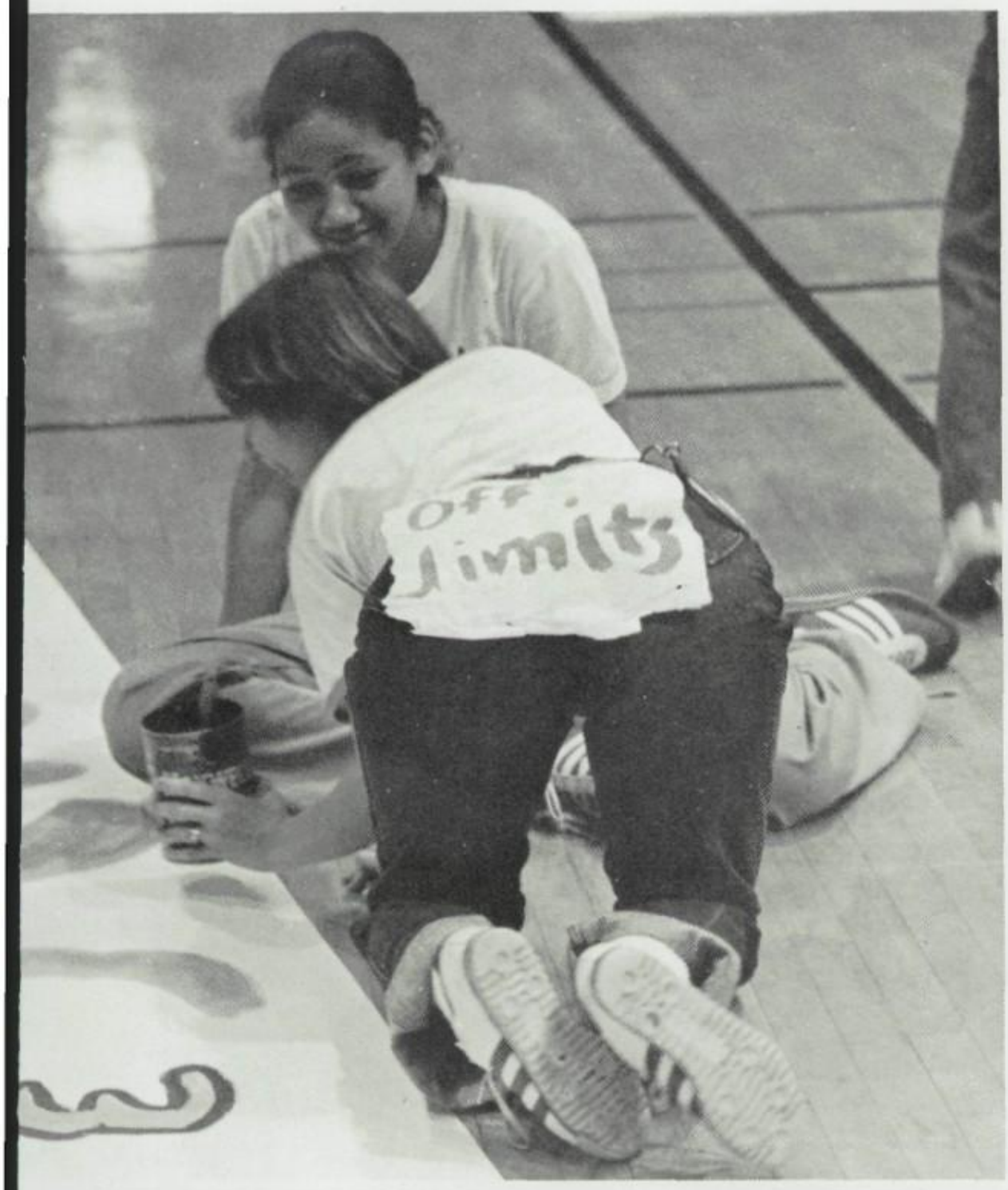
"Becky, where's the tape?" "Who took my green paint??" "Come on guys, help us hang the signs!" "You'd better clean that up before Mrs. Hardy sees it!"

Two types of students came to the paint parties: those who painted signs and those who "visited." Those of the first type were mostly cheerleaders, and were required to paint. They were often refreshed by soft drinks from the Tote-sum, brought by those who came to socialize. And the socializers did occasionally paint a "special-interest" sign or two — representing the seniors, juniors, or Misses. When sign-hanging time came, the rafters, traditionally the guys' territory, were invaded by a few adventuresome cheerleaders, in the absence of male volunteers. And the cheerleaders remained after others had gone, to finish and clean up. Because the administration disapproved of students in the halls before school, the patio became a gathering-place for the social-minded, and those who had a test first period. When winter came, they were forced to move indoors, but they returned to the patio as soon as the weather permitted. Spring also led to emmigrations from the lunchroom. These students considered battles with little black bugs a small price to pay for the glorious freedom of fresh air.

Lunchtime Lunacy. Refugees from the cafeteria, Singers Michael Jabaley, Leslie Jordan, Robin Magruder, Mary Powel Jabaley, Missy Nevins, Maud Deles Gober, and Ricky Denson glory in their freedom and the springtime air.

"Are you kidding??" Daron Wilson can't believe his ears when Leigh Bailey asks him to climb the rafters to hang signs.

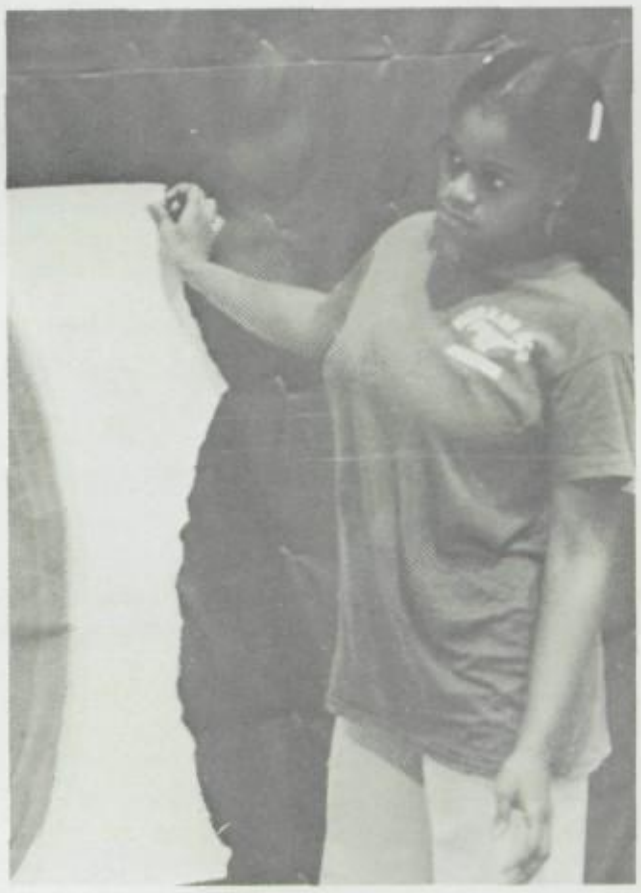
"And what is the function of the duodenum?" Thomas Wells quizzes Gary Jones, Yvonne Grant, Jennifer Ellis, and Gloria Barnes.



Off Limits! Carney Stevens and Tracy Dubreville get a little "behind" in their work at the Jim Hill paint party.

"*A little higher on that end.*" Positioning signs at paint parties is only one of Tammie Smith's duties as a cheerleader.

Camera Happy — No sign is needed so urgently that Tonya Thomas *(BELOW LEFT)* can't stop to smile for the camera.



Rap Session. Marlene Davis, Campus Life representative, discusses the questions of life with Julie Kemerling, Linda Kearney, and Dona Luckey, as Mr. Mangum and James Barrett hover in the background.

Shout It Out!

Bleachers creaked, rafters shook, and the floor vibrated as multitudes poured into the sign-covered gym in anticipation of the highlight of the week — the pep rally! An outlet for frustration, the MHS pep rally had something for everyone. A few students used it as a time to catch up on last minute homework, while others headed toward the off-limit areas of the parking lot and local convenience store. Faculty members found refuge in the lounge. But the majority showed they had that blue and silver blood by never ceasing to let their Mustang spirit die. Preparations for the big event began early in the week with endless cheerleader, band, and Miss practices. Extra efforts by the cheerleaders made Grease Day, Jersey Day, and Spirit Week smashing successes. After the final cheer, and the fight song, crowds thronging the corridors bursting with Mustang madness, felt no urgency to return to class. Requests for Friday dismissals overflowed as restless students found it hard to concentrate on school after an exhilerating pep rally.

"We're number one!" shouts senior Miss Jana Stroh. The Misses had look-alike game day dresses for pep rallies.

Seniors!! The east side of the gym explodes with enthusiasm.

"This is so much fun!" Sophomore Kaye Lee watches in awe her first Murrah pep rally.

Egypt wasn't built in a day. Cheerleaders prove that practice makes pyramids.

Come to the Cabaret. Mark Rigsby, Ricky Denson, and Reggie Blackman show off their talents in the Callaway pep rally.

Misses, Misses!!! Jan McDonnieal waits her turn to ripple.

Floats, Dismissals, & Homecoming

All the preparation was finally over. Hours spent stuffing chicken wire with kleenex in hopes of *Branding the Bulldog* and pillaging houses, cars, dogs, cats, and neighbors of rival classes ran out as Homecoming morning dawned. All that was left to do was place a few finishing touches on floats, sleepwalk through the first two class periods, scream at the pep rally, weep, try to get a dismissal, weep some more, and finally just leave school. The sophomores stole the show by having their float arrive via police escort. After a brief respite, the evening activities got under way with the announcement that juniors had won the float contest. Following a special halftime show presented by the band and Misses, the '78 Homecoming Court was presented. The 1977 Queen, Sheila Dobson, stood on tiptoes to crown Gwen Miller to reign over the 1978 festivities. Victory was apparent as at the game's end, the scoreboard read Murrah — 20; Greenwood — 14. The traditional homecoming dance was held in a non-traditional place — the Northside YMCA. There, the scoreboard once again told of the Homecoming victory.

Maids and escorts of the 1978 Homecoming Court include: Sophomores Jodi Marks and Jeff Ratliff, Juniors Debbie Berman and Ricky Denson, Seniors Tonya Thomas and Allen Phares, Queen Gwen Miller and Carneal Chambliss, Carney Stevens and Boty McDonald, Winkie Lockhart and Robert Smith, Juniors Evelyn Hatchett and Ronnie Ashford, and Sophomores Sandra Tillman and Jonathan Battle.

Visions of homecoming queen dance in her head. Bruce McField and Gwen Miller (left) take the long walk down the red carpet to the court platform.

A little more up and to the left. Two unidentified Mustang cheerleaders roost on Ricky Denson's back during the homecoming pep rally.

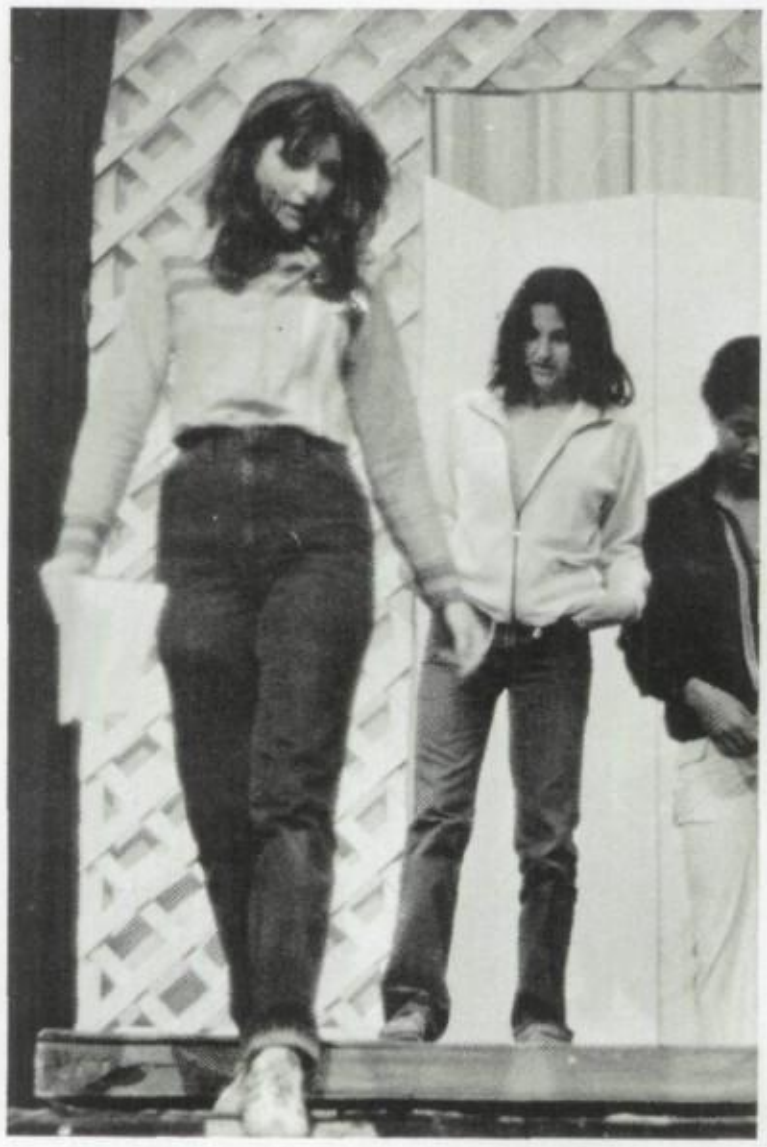
If it doesn't fit, force it! Homecoming Queen Gwen Miller uses both hands to steady her newly won crown.

Watch those hands! Mr. Hall shows that dirty old men make the best chaperones.

Mustangs coming through! Homecoming crash sheet in place, cheerleaders await Mustang express.

Laying the foundation. Junior staffer Ricky Denson uses Boy Scout knowledge to assist Becky Hutchison in building the feature pageant set.

Just put one foot in front of the other. Becky Hutchison demonstrates pageant stage poise.



A Blue & Silver Christmas

"Ho, ho, ho, It's hot in here!" Santa Claus (alias Curtis Hall) was his usual merry self despite high 80 degree weather, December 7, when he emceed the senior portion of the feature pageant. Senior Boty McDonald introduced the sophomore and junior nominees.

In preparation for the pageant, Boty McDonald and Ricky Denson gathered greenery in the wee hours of the morning. Other *Resumé* staffers arranged ornaments to exemplify the theme — "A Blue and Silver Christmas." A rehearsal, the night before the pageant, was directed by Becky Hutchison, feature editor, and Linda Hardy, *Resumé* sponsor.

For entertainment during the first half of the program, Robert Smith and Terri Kelly sang "The Closer I Get to You," and a trio composed of Cookie Bolls, Jackie Morris, and Dorothy Ellis sang "White Christmas." After intermission, Vicki Sallis, vocalist, presented "You Came Along," and Leisa Mikles, vocalist, entertained with "Merry Christmas, Darling." Leisa also provided background music for the pageant. The night of the pageant ended with a miraculous absence of mistakes.

Ho, ho, ho! When asked about his reception at Murrah, Santa replied, 'It's hot as blazes in here.'

'I hate tinsil! It gives me a headache!' Cordelia Douzenis overcomes a hate of tinsil to decorate the stage for the feature pageant.

Three steps forward. Stop. Smile. Keith Dampeer and Debbie Berman stand before the audience while their achievements are announced.

The Closer I Get To You. Robert Smith and Terri Kelly sing a favorite love song.

Mr. and Miss Sophomore Class
Jeff Ratliff and Sandra Tillman

Mr. and Miss Junior Class
Debbie Berman and Keith Dampeer

SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR NOTABLES

Elected by their classmates as the most typical tenth graders, Miss Sophomore Class, Sandra Tillman, and Mr. Sophomore Class, Jeff Ratliff, have become very active in school activities. Sandra came to Murrah from Bailey Junior High. She was elected sophomore cheerleader, served on the Student Council, and was chosen homecoming maid. Jeff attended Jackson Academy in the ninth grade. He was sophomore homecoming escort and a member of the soccer team.

Selected as best all around juniors, Miss Junior Class, Debbie Berman, and Mr. Junior Class, Keith Dampeer have also been involved in school life. Debbie was active as a cheerleader, Murrah Singer, Student Council member, and a junior homecoming maid. Keith won a letter in his junior year on the football team. He was elected class favorite during his sophomore year.

Sophomore Favorites are Trent Walker, Jodi Marks, Michelle Miggins, and Bubba Spann.

Junior Favorites are (below left) Ricky Denson, Tammie Smith, Eddie Elward (below right) Evelyn Hatchett, Ishia Chapman, and Leigh Bailey.

SENIOR STARS

Mr. and Miss Senior Class are the Seniors who were elected by their classmates as the most typical representatives of the class of '79. Carney Stevens, Miss Senior Class, became involved with school activities as a cheerleader, a Student Council member, and a Murrah Singer. Carney was also elected Junior Class Favorite and Senior Homecoming Maid. Houston Wells, Mr. Senior Class, was also chosen Mr. Sophomore Class, and Junior Class Favorite. He served as President of the Student Body and of the Murrah Singers. He was named to the 1979 Hall of Fame.

Brrr! It's cold! Carney Stevens and Houston Wells wrap in the Horse's blanket as protection against freezing temperatures during the taking of feature pictures at Highland Village.

Mr. And Miss Senior Class
Carney Stevens And Houston Wells

Senior Favorites are Boty McDonald, Gwen Miller, Reginald Blackman, and Becky Hutchinson.

Also chosen Senior Favorites were Eddy Waller, Valerie Brown, Tricia Freeman, and Bernard Lucas.

Tricia Freeman and Scott Rawlings

Tracy Dubreville and Carneal Chambliss

Carolyn Weathersby and Houston Wells

Wynefred Lockhart and Allen Phares

THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

Most Beautiful and Most Handsome
Mary Powel Jabaley and Bernard Lucas

VARIETY - THE SPICE OF LIFE

Terri Kelly and Carneal Chambliss proved their versatility by participating in a variety of Murrah activities. Terri was a member of the Murrah Singers, DECA, and Mu Alpha Theta. She was also a member of Student Council for three years. In his sophomore and junior years, Carneal was a member of the band, and became a Murrah Singer his senior year. He was a two-year basketball letterman and tyree-year track letterman. Carneal was also a member of the Student Council.

The personalities of Robert Smith and Tonya Thomas resulted in their selection as friendliest boy and girl. Robert was a Murrah Singer, a member of Student Council, and was elected Junior Favorite. He was also part of Murrah's mascot, *The Horse.* Her senior year, Tonya was elected cheerleader, senior class president, and homecoming maid. She was also a Gayfer Girl.

Most Athletic, Jackie 'Cookie' Bolles and Scott Rawlings both participated in a variety of Murrah sports. Cookie lettered in basketball, track, and volleyball. She was also named 'Most Athletic' at her church. Scott was a member of the track and football teams for three years. His senior year, he was named All-City, All-State, and All-Big Eight in football.

Three seniors received the honor of Most Intellectual which was determined by grade point average and standardized test scores. Sheila Hudson, Kelly Wallace, and Carol Marks were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. Sheila came to Murrah her senior year and joined both the *Résumé* and *Pleiades* staffs. She was also a Quill and Scroll member. Kelly served as Business Manager of *Résumé* and president of the Junior Historical Society. Carol was a member of the *Résumé* staff and the Junior Historical Society. All three students belonged to Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society.

Most Versatile
Carneal Chambliss and Terri Kelly

Friendliest
Robert Smith and Tonya Thomas

Most Intellectual
Carol Marks, Kelly Wallace, and Sheila Hudson

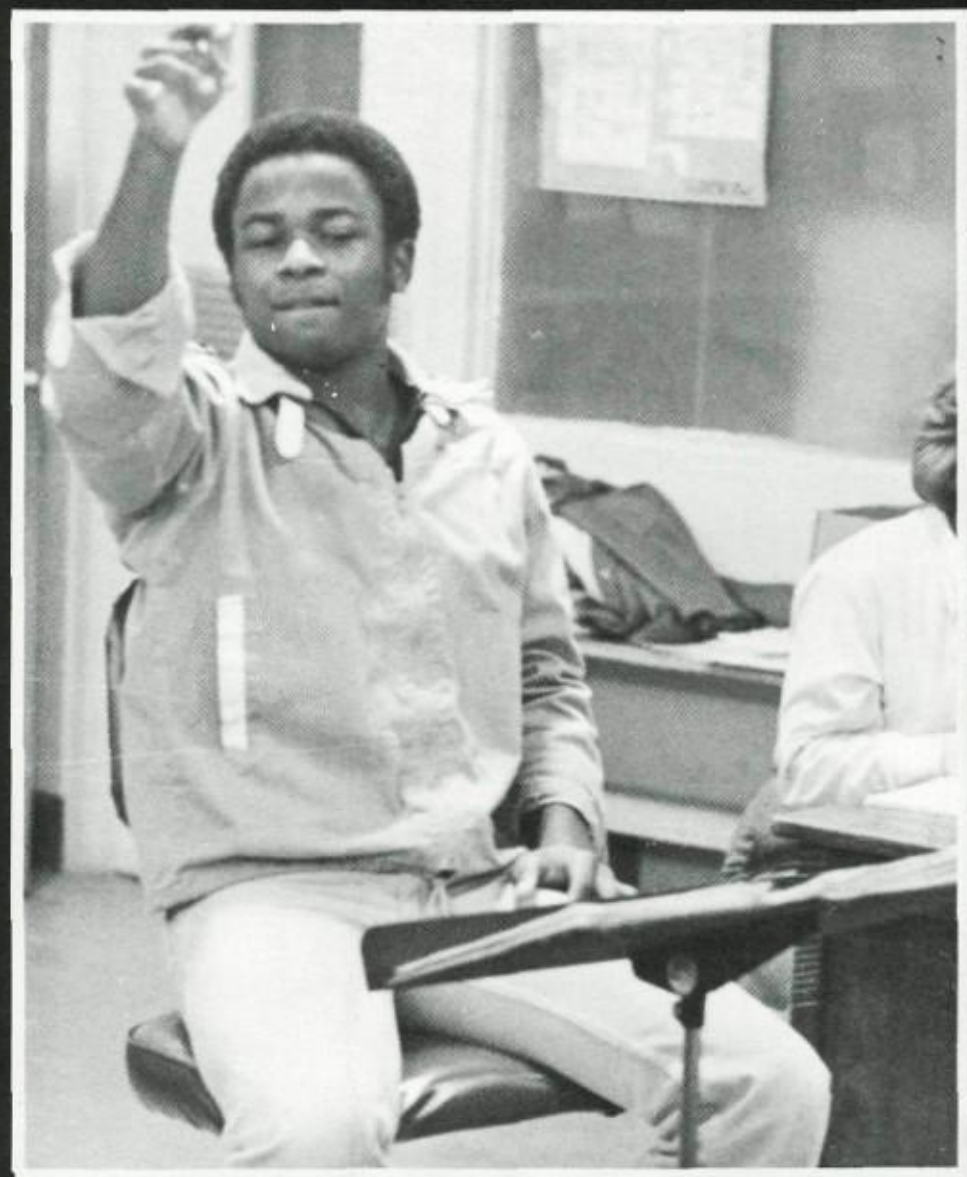
Most Athletic
Jackie Bolls and Scott Rawlings

SPIRIT OF THE BLUE AND SILVER

The titles of Blue Knight and Silver Lady recognized the seniors who best exemplified Mustang spirit. Because of their devotion to school activities, Robert Smith and Becky Hutchison were elected by the student body as Blue Knight and Silver Lady.

Becky spent many hours supporting the Mustang athletic teams as cheerleader captain. She served on the *Résumé* staff for three years, and as Feature Editor, directed the 1978 Feature Pageant. She has been a member of student council, DECA, and Quill and Scroll. Elected junior and senior class favorite, Becky was an Honor Roll student and a Gayfer Girl.

Robert devoted many back-breaking moments as part of the Mustang mascot, *the Horse.* In the tenth and eleventh grades, he was a band member and participated in the All-City Band. In the twelfth grade he joined Murrah Singers and became an officer in the Jackson Youth Symphony Orchestra. He was elected junior class favorite and friendliest senior boy.



Get fired up! Becky Hutchison *(ABOVE)* kindles Mustang spirit.

Altos up Conducting the Murrah Singers' warm-up, Robert Smith *(RIGHT)* listens intently to the harmony.

Blue Knight and Silver Lady
Robert Smith and Becky Hutchison

THE LEADERS

Nominated by the senior class and voted on by the student body, the titles Mr. and Miss Murrah honored the senior boy and girl who had demonstrated leadership and dedication throughout their school careers.

Miss Murrah, Gwen Miller, has proven her ability to be a leader since her sophomore year when she was a member of student council. During her junior year, she was a Murrah Miss, secretary of the junior class, and elected Miss Junior Class. As a senior, she became Co-Captain of the Murrah Misses, president of ESSA, a Murrah Singer, and was elected Homecoming Queen.

Boty McDonald, Mr. Murrah, has devoted many hours to Murrah publications. He served as Sports Editor of *Hoofbeat* and *Résumé,* and member of the *Pleiades* staff. He was a Murrah Singer, secretary of Mu Alpha Theta, and a member of Junior Historical Society. Boty also spent many hours painting the school patio and water tower. Both Gwen and Boty were elected senior favorites.

A sighing Queen. Gwen Miller *(ABOVE)* relaxes after being named 1978 Homecoming Queen.

Hold it right there, Chief! Boty McDonald keeps Mr. Merritt at bay in order to complete a phone call.

Mr. and Miss Murrah High
Gwen Miller and Boty McDonald

HALL OF FAME...

Election to the *Hall of Fame* is the highest honor a Murrah student can achieve. Nominated by the Quill and Scroll, members were chosen by the faculty.

MARY POWEL JABALEY

Mu Alpha Theta, 10, 11, 12
  Reporter, 11, 12
  State Vice-President, 12
Murrah Singer, 11, 12
  Vice-President, 12
First Place, State Vocal
  Contest, 11
Murrah Miss, 12
National Honor Society, 11, 12
Junior Historical Society, 11, 12 12
  Vice-President, 12
Résumé Copy Editor, 12
Pleiades, 11, 12
Quill and Scroll
Renssalaer Math and Science
  Award, 11
National Merit Semi-Finalist
Presidential Scholar Nominee
DAR Good Citizen Award
STAR Student
Who's Who Among American High
  Students
Society of Distinguished
  American High School Students
Principal's List
Most Beautiful

REGINALD BLACKMAN

Junior Historical Society, 11, 12
National Honor Scoiety, 12
Mu Alpha Theta, 12
Résumé Staff, 12
Quill and Scroll
Basketball Manager, 12
Baseball Team, 12
Camp Rising Sun Delegate
Senior Class Favorite

BOTY MCDONALD

Mu Alpha Theta, 10, 11, 12
  Secretary, 12
Hoofbeat Staff, 11, 12
  Sports Editor, 12
Résumé Sports Editor, 12
Quill and Scroll
Pleiades, 12
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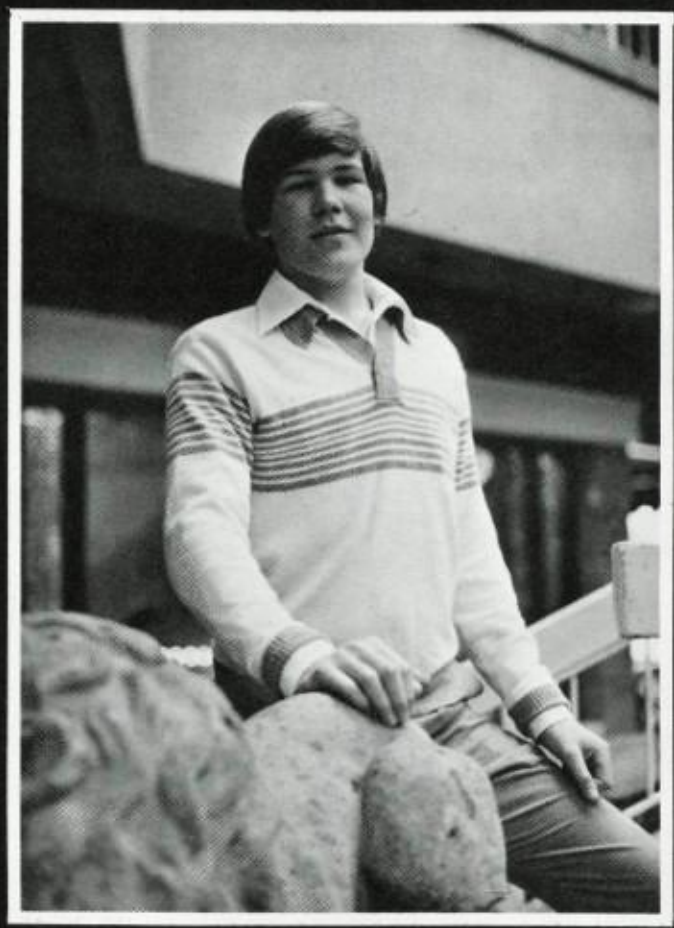
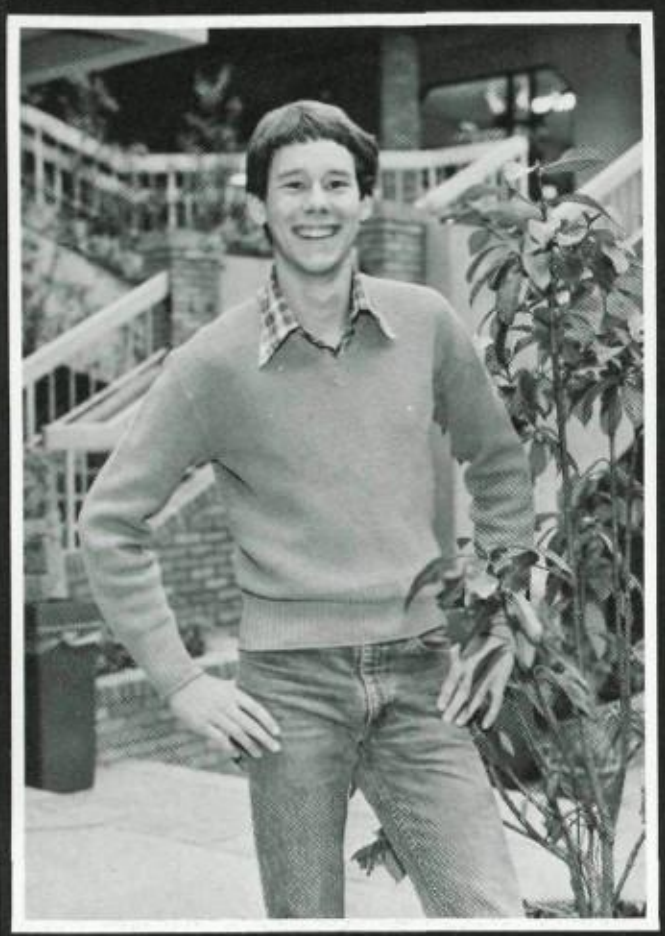
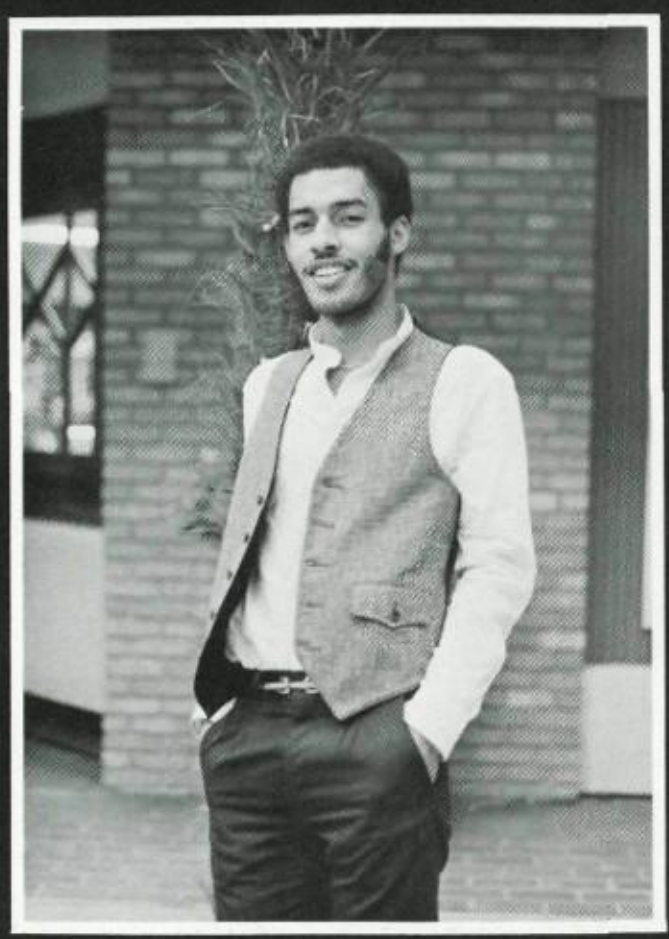
Class Favorite, 11, 12
Mr. Murrah High
Junior Historical Scoiety, 12
Hoofbeat Spotlight
Co-President, Junior Classical League





ROB WEAVER

Soccer Team, 10, 11, 12
  Captain, 12
Mu Alpha Theta, 10, 11, 12
  Vice-President, 12
Murrah Singer, 11, 12
  Section Leader, 12
National Honor Society, 12
Junior Historical Society, 12
Honor Roll
National Merit Semi-finalist
Mississippi College Math/Science Team
Camp Rising Sun Delegate, 10, 11



HOUSTON WELLS

Sophomore Class President
Junior Class President
Student Body President
Murrah Singer, 10, 11, 12
  President, 12
Student Council, 10, 11, 12
ESSA Committee, 10, 11
Mr. Sophomore Class
Junior Class Favorite
Mr. Senior Class
Senior Beau
Cast of "Once Upon a Mattress", 10
DECA, 12
Mascot, *The Horse,* 12
Honor Roll
North Jackson Exchange Club,
  Student of the Month, 12

TERRI KELLY

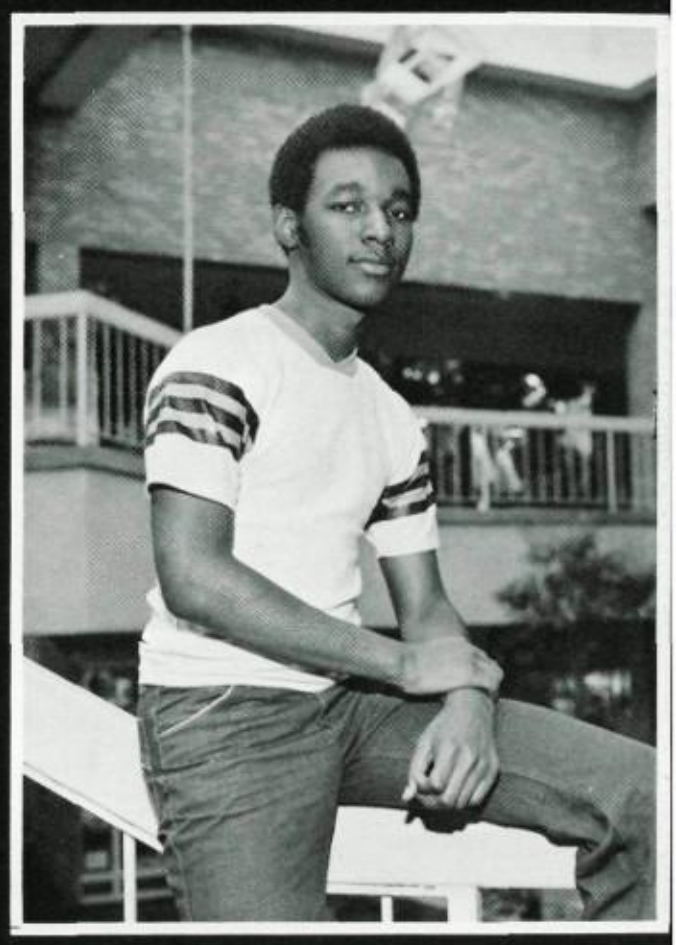
Flag Girl, 10
Student Council, 10, 11, 12
  Secretary, 12
Mu Alpha Theta, 11, 12
Sophomore Class Secretary
Murrah Singer, 11, 12
  Section Leader, 11, 12
Hoofbeat Staff, 11, 12
  News Editor, 12
Most Versatile
Quill and Scroll
Treasurer of JA Company
Hoofbeat Spotlight

PATRICIA HODGES

Secretary JA Company
Student Council, 10, 11, 12
National Honor Society, 11, 12
Junior Historical Society, 11, 12
Most Outstanding Instramentalist, 10, 11
Band, 10, 11, 12
All-City Band, 10, 11, 12
Miss. State All-Star Band, 12
Century III Winner
President Mu Alpha Theta, 12
Mayor's Youth Council, 12
Youth Governor's Advisory Council
Delegate, Miss. Girls state, 11
Most Outstanding Sophomore
Superior Rating in Ensemble, 11, 12
Superior Rating in Solo Performance, 11, 12

HAROLD GATER

Hoofbeat Staff, 11, 12
Cartoonist, 11, 12
Scholastic Art Award
Second Place Arts Festival, 11



BECKY HUTCHISON

Cheerleader, 11, 12
Captain, 12
Résumé Staff, 10, 11, 12
Feature Editor, 12
Student Council, 11
DECA, 12
Quill and Scroll
Class Favorite, 11, 12
Silver Lady
Honor Roll
Gayfer Girl
Hoofbeat Spotlight
Who's Who Among American High School Students
Society of Distinguished American High School Students

TRICIA FREEMAN

Cheerleader, 10, 11, 12
ESSA Committee, 10, 11, 12
Secretary, 11, 12
Student Council, 11, 12
Murrah Singer, 11, 12
Junior Historical Society, 11, 12
DECA, 12
Gayfer Girl
Class Favorite, 10, 11, 12
Senior Beauty
Junior Miss Contestant
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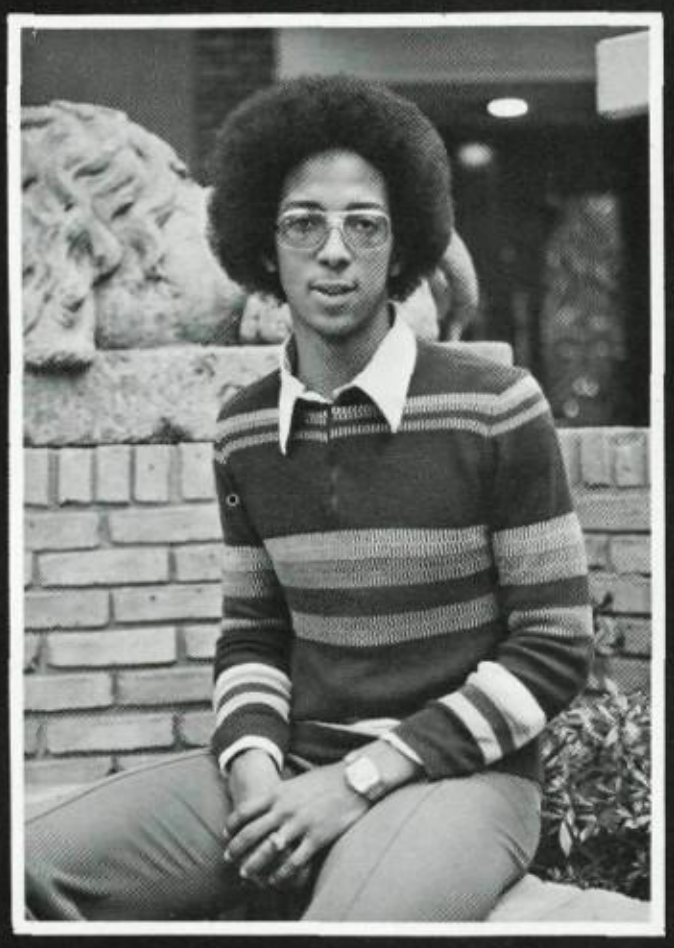
Who's Who Among American High School Students



CARNEAL CHAMBLISS

Student Council, 10, 11, 12
Parliamentarian, 12
Band, 10, 11
Murrah Singer, 12
Track Team, 10, 11, 12
Basketball Team, 11, 12
ESSA Committee, 12
Class Vice-President, 10, 11, 12
Class Favorite, 10, 11, 12
Senior Beau
Highest Scholastic Achievement of Basketball Team, 11
Supply Store Worker, 11, 12
Safety Council, 11, 12
Society of Distinguished American High School Students

ROBERT SMITH —

Band Member, 10, 11
All-City Band, 10, 11
Murrah Singer, 12
Section Leader, 12
Youth Symphony Orchestra Officer
Junior Class Favorite
Friendliest Boy
Blue Knight
Mascot, *The Horse*
Hoofbeat Spotlight
Résumé Staff, 12

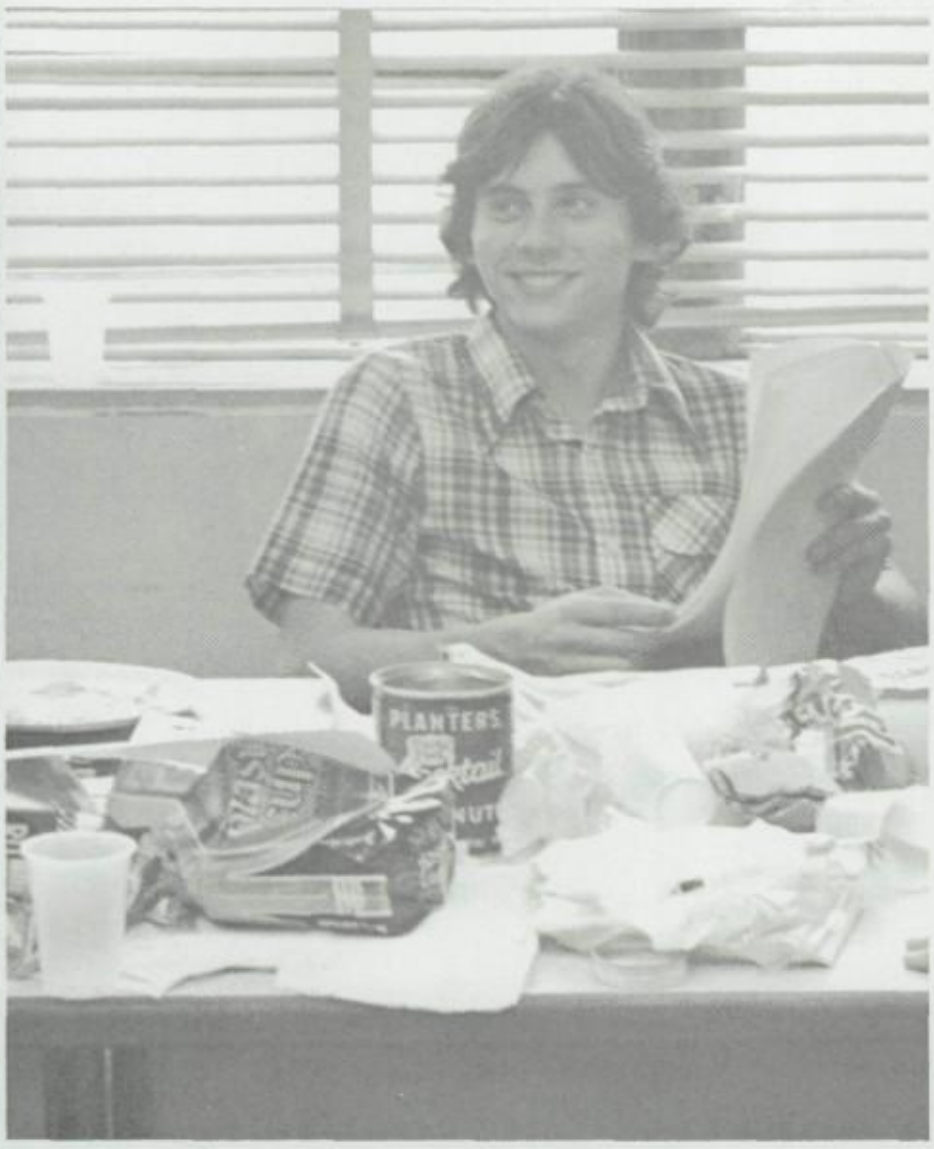
...HALL OF FAME

Holiday Cheer

When those holiday bells started to ring, thoughts wandered from school work to that big present under the Christmas tree, the next party, and the prospect of sleeping until noon for two weeks. The Christmas season is a time for "Decking the Halls" and "Jingle Bells"; a time to shop for that special gift; and a time to party. It is not a time for homework. On the last day of classes before the holidays, the usual restless excitement filled the halls. Few teachers conducted class, and most periods were spent eating, drinking, and being merry. Although it was not until late in December that Murrah's hall were closed until 1979, "See ya next year!" was still a favorite farewell line.

Eating in the New Year. Sadelle Johnson discovers American Government never tasted as good as Mr. Hall's Christmas party.

Where's my Tab? Mary Powel Jabaley grins and bears another party without her beloved beverage.



Studying for semester finals, Junior Class President Michael Jabaley crams for Mrs. Tramel's test while cramming party foods.

Brightening up the day. Tracy Dubreville puts a smile into the day of an elderly man from the Lakeland Nursing Home during the DECA Christmas party for the patients.

In pursuit of high times. Robert Smith and Bernard Lucas enjoy the refreshments at the Murrah Singers' Chrstmas Party.

Smile — you're on candid camera! Hall of Fame members, *(FRONT)* Terri Kelly, Houston Wells, *(MIDDLE)* Mary Powel Jabaley, Robert Smith, Becky Hutchison, Patricia Hodges, *(TOP)* Boty McDonald, Carneal Chambliss, and Harold Gater, endure the freezing cold of a January day to pose for Mr. Hancock.

"No, there are only 11 men on a team." Ellece O'Hara and Jan McDonnieal listen attentively as Lydia Norris explains the finer points of soccer.

A sporting couple — Nancy Roberts and Wes Brown know how to keep warm when watching a soccer game.

Winter Smiles

Standing proud and tall — This water tower is Murrah's *own* — just read the sign!

"Brr! . . . Uck!" exclaimed a Mustang as he ran from the parking lot to the shelter of the school. The days that followed Christmas holidays were made drearier by the constant rain and near-freezing temperatures, but most students managed to keep warm. They donned fashionable coats by day and sat by fireplaces at night — often sharing body heat with a "special someone."

However, on one clear cold night, four devoted 'Stangs mustered the courage to make the long climb to the top of the famous water tower. These unidentified "criminals" painted vigorously, for the wind was strong 100 feet above the city. And, come morning, the tower bore the proud inscription, *Mustangs '79.* One observer commented, "It's about time!"

The challenge of the cold also prompted Mustangs to run around in shorts and T-shirts kicking a funny black and white ball. A group of loyal spectators supported this team by cheering, and over 100 fans gathered around this nucleus at Newell Field on February 9, when the Mustangs vied for the state soccer title. The game ended after three overtime periods; fans were left with numb toes, runny noses, and the cold feeling of defeat. A disgusted student exclaimed, "This Mississippi weather is crazy. I wish it'd snow or warm up!"

Broadway, here we come! Tonya Thomas and Eddy Waller have every intention of making the society page as they walk down the red carpet at the homecoming pep rally.

From the 50's to the 70's, from penny loafers to spiked heels, MHS has seen it all. The fashion cycle is never-ending, and Hollywood is often the birthplace of new trends. With the movie "Annie Hall" came the baggy pants, vest, and tie look; Olivia Newton-John in "Grease," made spiked heels, tight satin pants, and curly hair styles vogue. Many of the "new" fashions were actually taken from the 50's; but one would never know from all the talk of the "latest" trends. Some such trends were the classic blazer; the full, over-the-knee skirt; and the pullover sweater, often paired with such fashion accessories as ties, stick pins, and gold belts.

Guys were in style too, with three-piece "John Travolta" disco suits, skinny ties, vests, and collarless shirts. Hats made a comeback with both sexes — girls favored berets, while guys wore any style the administration would allow.

One item that will never go out of style is blue jeans. However, 1979 saw a drastic narrowing of pants legs, from bell-bottom to straight. Fashion allowed shorter girls to roll up their jeans and still be right in style; the pairing with spiked high heels only served to dramatize the effect. In spite of New York and high fashion, many Mustangs clung to their blue jeans, t-shirts, and sneakers.

Ready to go! Stormmie Minniefield shows off her black silk disco suit complete with purse, tie, and beret.

High Fashion

"Huh?" Vicki Sallis questions a comment made about her overalls. "Don't knock it, they're comfortable."

Tuxedo junction. Joyce McLaurin has her dismissal in her hand, but ponders where to go to show off her clothes.

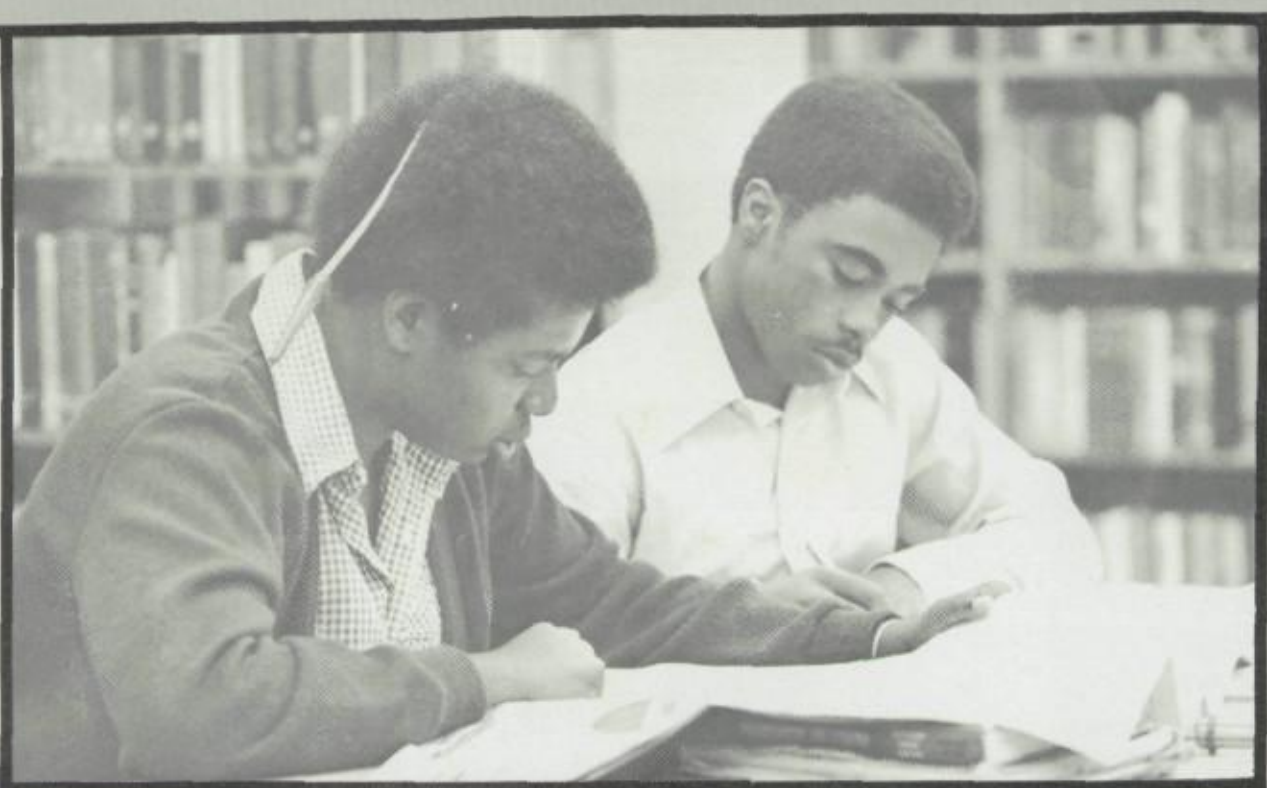
Golly gee! Missy Nevins appreciates any favorable comments about her fashionable attire.

All dressed up, but no place to go, Audrey Chambliss peers down the hall.

Academics: Scholastics, studies. Some insist that the main reason for attending school is to study, though many students do not agree. These students attend school for a variety of reasons one of which is to join Organizations. Organization: a body of people organized in a club or society. There are many organizations at Murrah, ranging from Assembly Committee to the Zeta Club. They serve many purposes, although their chief objective is to enrich the learning experience of the members. Groups such as German Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Misses, cheerleaders, and Quill & Scroll supplement academics and instill the tradition that MHS is STILL THE ONE!

Blowing the roof off! The Mustang brass section lends the right air to the Hill pep rally.

Academics / Organizations



Back to the book. Rufus Burks and Willie Frazier utilize the library during study period.

Mustangs, do it! Becky Hutchison directs floor action at Provine pep rally.

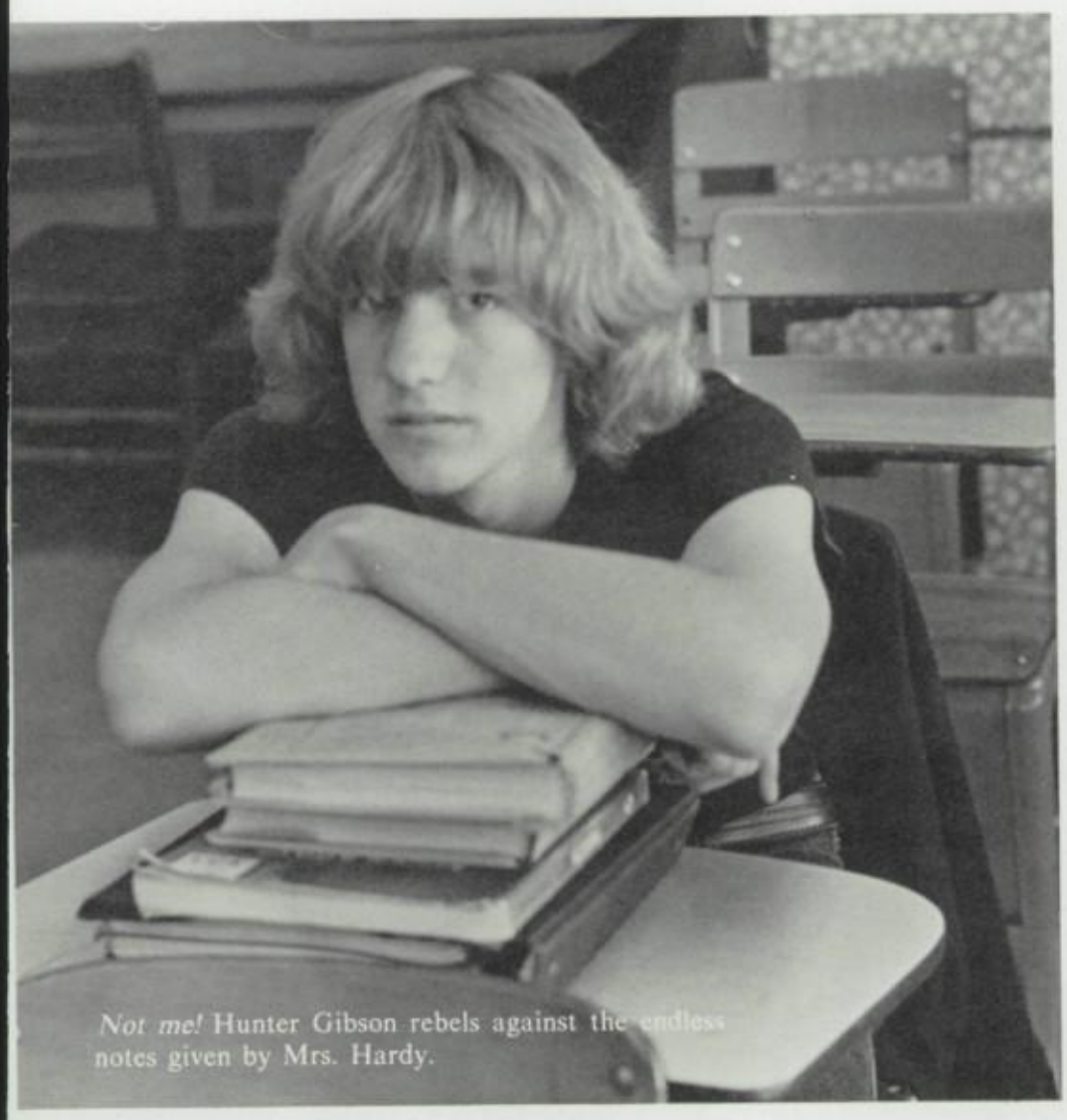
Addressing DECA, DECA President Linda Kearney speaks at the distribution and marketing club's initial meeting.

Ready, set, smile. Junior Miss Leslie Jordan puts on her 'game' face before a half-time performance.

"Shakespeare didn't write Italian sonnets!" Mr. Lowe is amused by a student's interpretation of an almost incomprehensible sonnet.

The Humanities

"Tonight, read the first act of *Hamlet.*" A universal groan emerged from the English classes when this assignment was made, but those seniors who did not take English in summer school were used to difficult assignments by the time they began work on their research papers. They prepared the juniors for the course as they had been prepared, but the class of '80 had problems of its own, as it studied American literature and poetry, and the bane of students everywhere—grammar. The foundation of this study was laid in the sophomore classes, where grammar, literature, and creative writing were mixed. Some teachers required the students to be actors as well as writers, and to produce scenes from plays in the classroom. Almost every student wrote a term paper, whether for English or a social studies course. The World History classes worked from the textbook except for a brief unit on black history, but students of American history prepared for college by taking notes and writing a paper every term. All seniors were required to take American government (another college preparatory course) for one semester and could choose from a variety of half courses such as Democracy, Economics, and Sociology to complete their year.



Not me! Hunter Gibson rebels against the endless notes given by Mrs. Hardy.

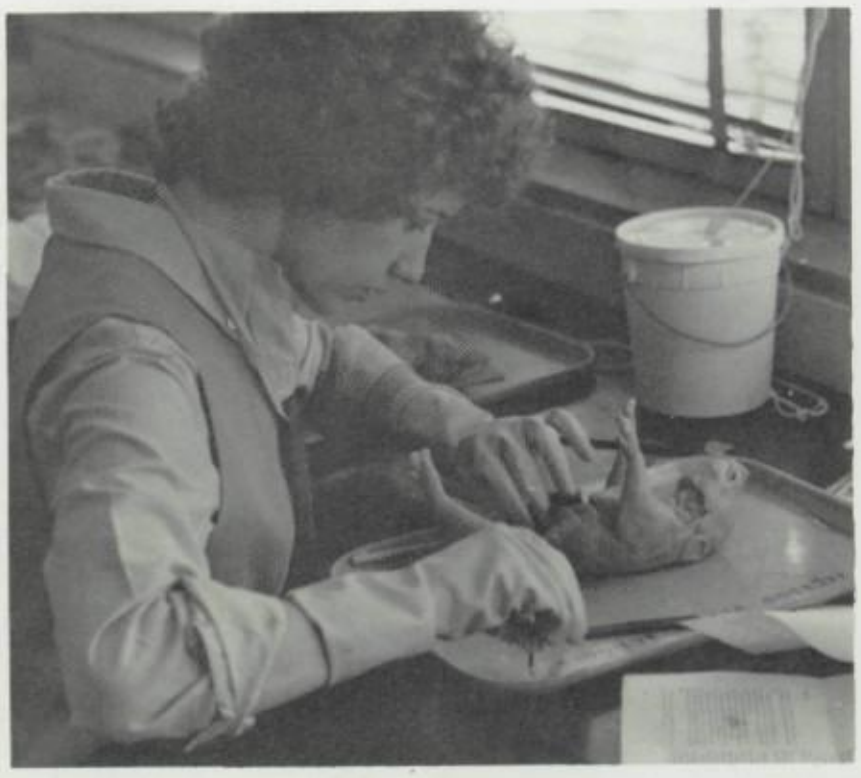
"And when was the French Revolution?" Miss Vernell Forest quizzes her World History class before another test.

Um, let's see, Act II, Scene 3 . . . Winkie Lockhart uses pep rally time to catch up on her *MacBeth* Cliff Notes before class.

"It's got to be here somewhere!" Kaye Lee searches through her notes for the answer to that question that's *bound* to be on the test.

Scanning the board for homework answers, Lonette Stubbs checks Mrs. Tramel's math handiwork in sixth period Algebra II.

Playing with a physics toy, Michael Jabaley exhibits his ability to put gizmos in the right place in Mr. Brooke's physics class.

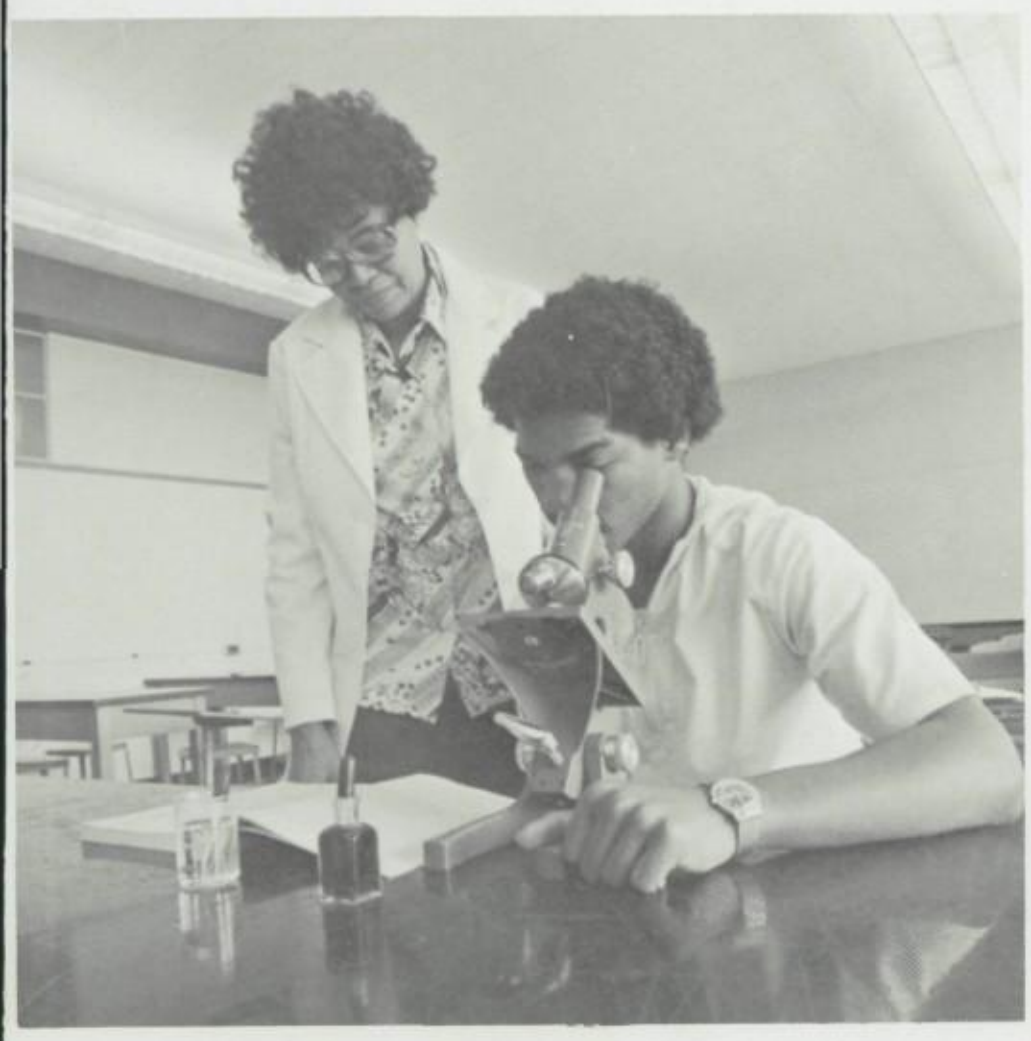


Dr. Nevins, I presume? Advanced biology student Missy Nevins practices the delicate procedure of dissecting.

Side Angle Side. Geometry teacher, Miss Linda White, explains the lighter side of geometry to bewildered sophomores.

The Sciences

How many bones in a dissected frog? How long is a pig's small intestine? Those who combined simple math with biology knew the answers to these questions. Physics students were often required to work problems on the computer. But not all students had the problem of combining math with science. Some took neither subject, and many only one. Accelerated Math students often wondered, "What can we do with *this?*" But those who took Consumer or Fundamental Math knew the answer to that question, and some of the Algebra and Geometry students only knew they had to have that credit to graduate. For real "math-lovers," the computer was always available for printing banners, or for playing Star Trek. Located on the second floor, directly above the computer, were the biology labs — the microscopes, the algae, the frogs, and the formaldehyde. The chemistry and physics labs were at the other end of the hall (as far away as possible.) The former abounded with acids and compounds, test tubes and Bunson burners; the latter displayed student — built engines, and experiments with weights and balances.



"Try opening your eye," suggests Mrs. Annie Robinson, coaching a student in the fine art of looking at bacteria.

"And look at the collar . . ." Selling merchandise is one of the many skills learned by Becky Hutchison in Mrs. Bat's Sales & Marketing Class.

The Electives

Singing, painting, sewing, secretarial skills, building, writing . . . Take your pick! Electives added spice to academics, and provided outlets for special interests and creativity. In some cases, elective courses enhanced the school's image through public relations, such as Singer concerts, art displays, and Sales & Marketing projects. Others, however, demanded hard work, and prepared students for college: Advanced Chemistry, Accelerated Math, and Foreign Languages. Typewriting, Shorthand, and Bookkeeping enabled some to find secretarial employment straight out of high school. The Career Development Center was available for those who wanted an early start in a certain occupation. Some students enjoyed electives more than other courses because they were'nt required for graduation, and they had chosen to take the course.

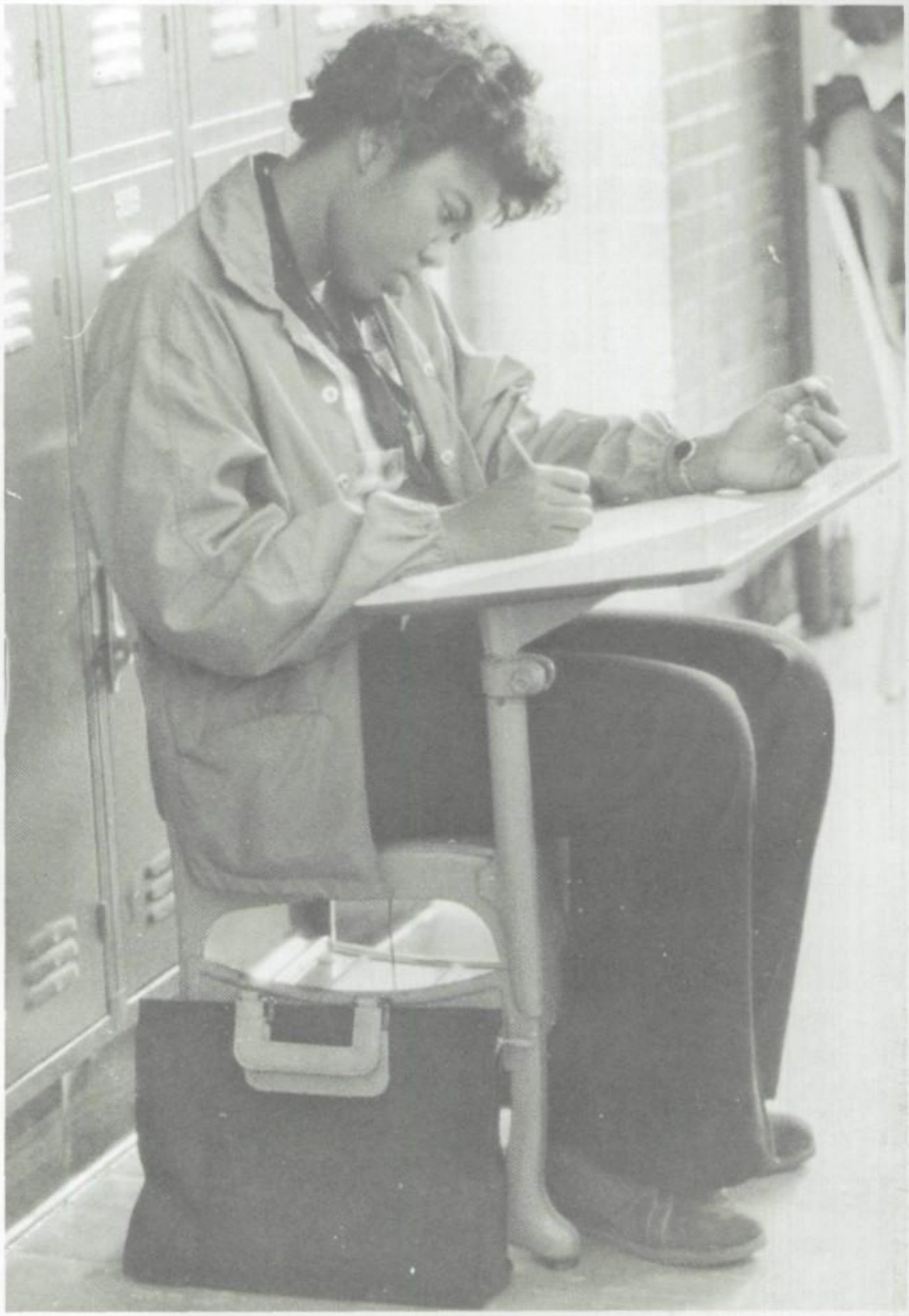
Cut and Paste! Linda Kearney demonstrates the intricacies of "pasting up" a paper to journalism students.

Stitch Witchery — Home Ec student Brenda Braddley practices different types of stiches.

Coloring the rainbow. Mrs. Richardson's art class creates a spectrum of colors to be used in the masterpieces they will create.

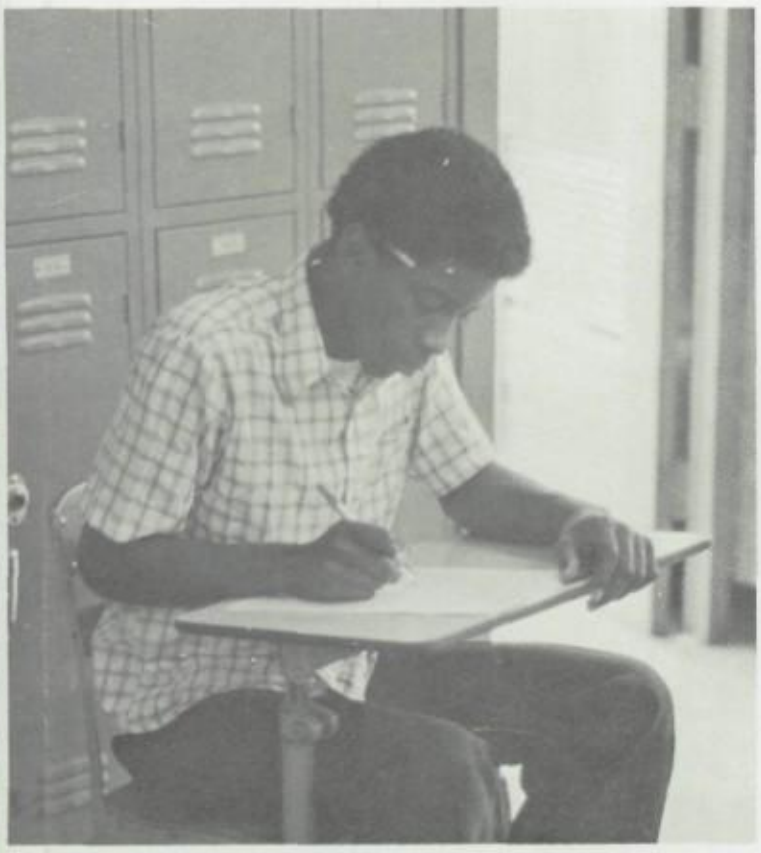
Mind your p's and q's! Room 112 is the birthplace of accomplished typists.

"Clear your desk, everyone, it's time for the test." "Test? Oh, no!" Some students furtively continued studying, hoping to absorb a little more knowledge, until they heard a stern voice: "I said, clear your desks!" All hope vanished anyway when the test — a sheet of empty space and a tiny bit of freshly run-off mimeograph ink — was received. But worse than these were the awful tests like the SAT and the ACT on which one's future depended. They overflowed with circled letters and numbers to be blackened, and the questions were unrelated to anything one had learned in school. It sounded easy — just block out a letter or a number — but the question was: Which one? When allotted time ran out, one was often left with far too many rows of empty circles.



Contemplating life and death, Glenda Johnson wrestles with one of Mrs. Graves' make-up tests.

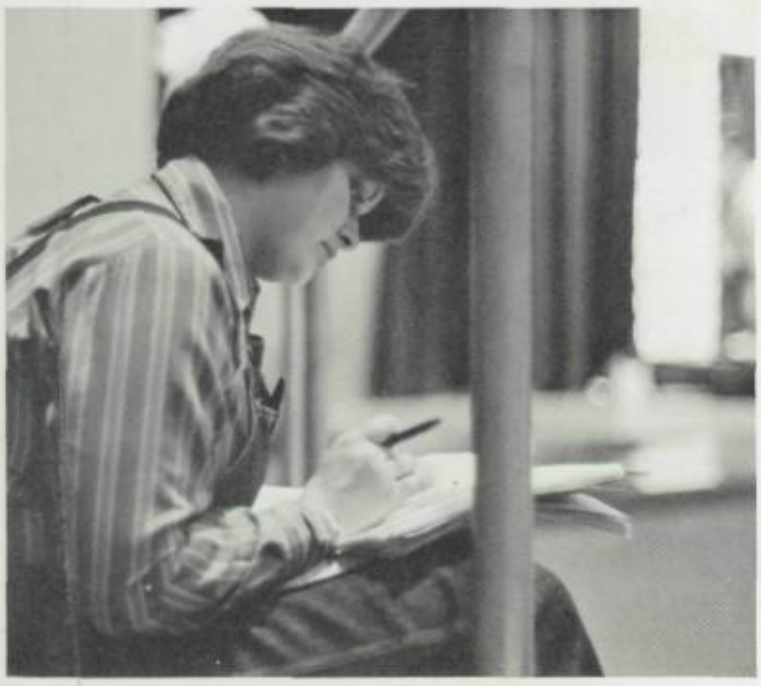
Testing...1,2,3,



"Number 24 . . . Oh no!" J.C. Johnson's flying pencil slows as he hesitates over an answer.

Tests in the library are easy for Leisa Mikles, who concentrates well "away from the maddening crowd."

"24, 25," Mrs. Pauline Tramel counts out loud while running off one of her dreaded math tests.



arbury v. Madison — hum. While others rehearse r the feature pageant, Vicki Sallis studies for one of r. Hall's government tests.

Cheers And Tears

Practice . . . paint parties . . . pep rallies . . . games! The metamorphosis of a cheerleader was a long and sometimes painful process. Led by Captain Becky Hutchison, sponsored by Mrs. Linda Hardy, and managed by Ricky Denson, Murrah's cheerleaders were the only squad to win a spirit stick every day at the NCA Summer Cheerleading Camp at Delta State. They also earned three superior ribbons and a Super Star Squad ribbon.

Practice began right after try-outs and continued twice a day throughout the summer; its products were new cheers, towering pyramids, and pom-pon routines. The traditional role of a cheerleader is to promote school spirit, which these girls did by sponsoring Jersey Day, 50's Day, and Spirit Week. They also fulfilled their weekly obligations: making happies for the football and basketball players, painting signs, and organizing pep rallies.

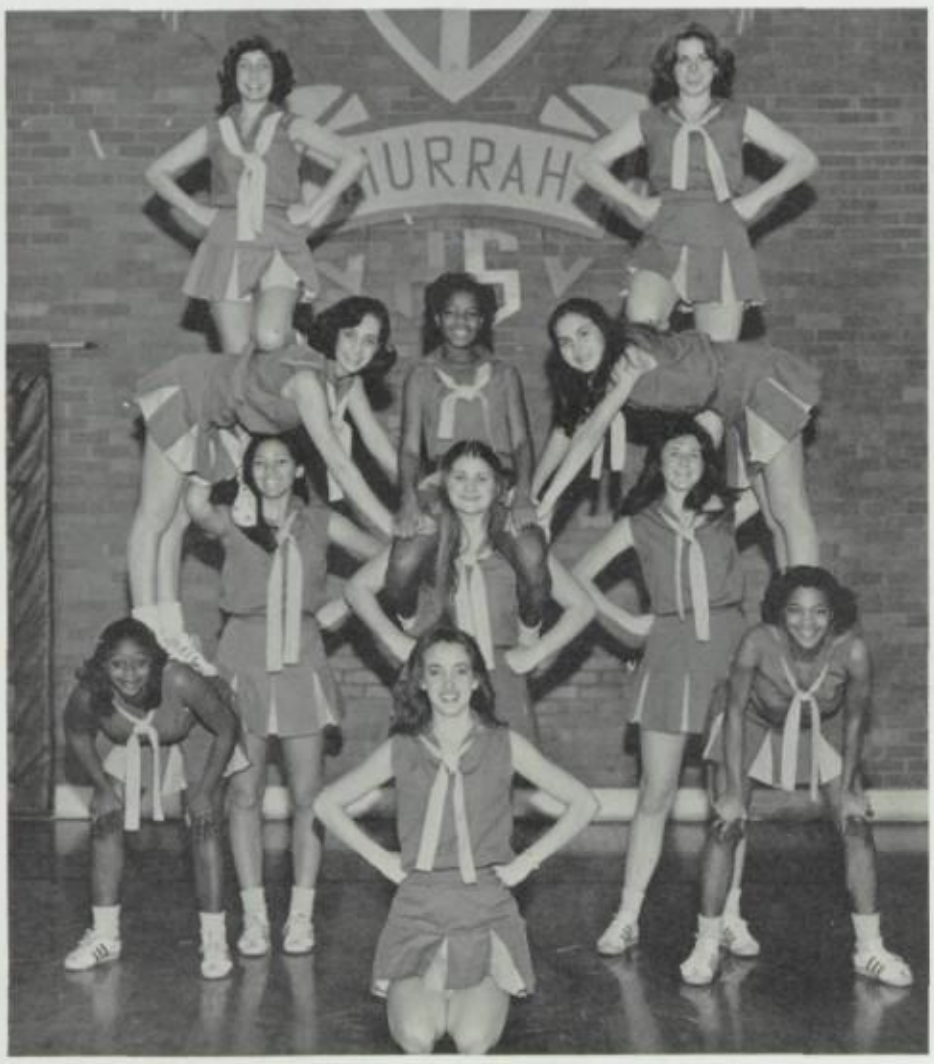
Becky Hutchison commented, Cheerleading was fun and rewarding, but we had our down moments, too. When we lost the football game to Hill in the last few seconds, there wasn't a dry-eyed cheerleader in our group. Sometimes, when things were going tough, it helped to sit down and just have a good cry."

I'm so glad I go to MHS! Senior cheerleader Tracy Dubreville discos down at the Homecoming pep rally.

Get up for the Mustangs! Performing a pom pon routine to the music of The Horse is a tradition at pep rallies. Senior Carney Stevens fires up the crowd with the traditional routine.

How funky is your chicken? Cheerleaders Tricia Freeman and Evelyn Hatchett lead cheers at a football game.

Stangs! Stangs! Stangs! Cheerleaders lead a favorite yell at the South Mississippi Tournament.



Save some for me! The cheerleaders hosted a preschool party for the football team on Thursday before the first Friday game. Becky Hutchison slices cake, while Carney Stevens observes.

Leading cheers for the Mustangs are: *(KNEELING)* Tricia Freeman, *(SECOND ROW)* Tammie Smith, Tracy Dubreville, Tonya Thomas, Captain Becky Hutchinson, Sandra Tillman, *(THIRD ROW)* Debbie Berman, Evelyn Hatchett, Julie James, *(TOP)* Carney Stevens, and Leigh Bailey.

Jamming in three-quarter time. The Blue Jackets show why they wear out 13 pairs of black suede shoes weekly.

Murrah Boosters include: *(FRONT ROW)* Lynn Bell, Loretta Williams, Marion Brooks, *(SECOND ROW)* Carla Newton, Glenda Milton *(THIRD ROW)* Vernada Davis, Cynthia Robinson, Sadelle Johnson, *(FOURTH ROW)* Barbara Posey, Thalis Sanders, and Sheila Hornsby.

Movin' & Groovin'

Movin' and groovin' to the beat of the band, the Blue Jackets added an extra dimension to weekly pep rallies. Standing at the north end of the gym, the girls entertained spectators with hand motions to the cheers. The 13 members were chosen from participants in a clinic held the last week of school. The group met several times during the summer to lay plans, practice, and choose uniforms. They selected a short royal blue polyester dress with white trim, white knee socks, and black suede shoes. For games and colder weather, they wore a gray knit pants suit. Besides participating in pep rallies, the Blue Jackets yelled as a group at games, and sponsored buses to out-of-town games. Faculty sponsors were Miss Vernell Forest and Mrs. Mildred Odom.

The role of the Booster Club, sponsored by Mrs. Beverly Sessums, was to promote spirit and support for the athletic programs. During Homecoming Week they made spirit buttons for the football team and band. On Valentine's Day, Boosters sold heart-shaped cakes.

The Blue Jackets are: Kris Kellogg, Verna Jackson, Sharon Robinson, Marilyn Greenfield, Debbie Williams, Thalia Sanders, Lonnet Stubs, Gloria Barnes, Veronica Harrison, Glenda Milton, and Kim Smith.

Hey Tricia! well what can I say after 3 years of Murrah. We have done alot together. It has been great! I have really enjoyed knowing you. I hope to see you lots more, too! Come see me at Miss. State-Cresswell room 233) I might come to Ole Miss. Good Luck next year. Remember me, OK? Love ya, Nancy Robertson

Nanc! ✓

Kickin' High

"Misses, Misses!" chanted the crowd as 28 girls dressed in western attire marched gallantly onto the field. To reach this position, the Murrah Misses suffered through a summer of two-hour daily practices, and a four-day stay at the Superstar Drill Team Camp in Pensacola, Florida, which in preparation required four-hours daily practice. The Homecoming show came out of the fast-paced and exhausting days at camp. Not only did the traditional homecoming routine change, but the Misses introduced a "Disco Inferno" routine and sparkling new uniforms at the Callaway game. Onto the field marched 28 girls — led by Co-captains Gwen Miller and Nancy Robertson — their kicks were high, their ripples flew, their heads popped, and their smiles never ceased.

"Look, Nancy, cookies! Following a pep rally lyn Weathersby, Nancy Robertson, and Lisa dig into their happy sacks.

Strretch! Mary Powel Jabaley "stretches out" before performing "Get Ready" at the Greenville game.

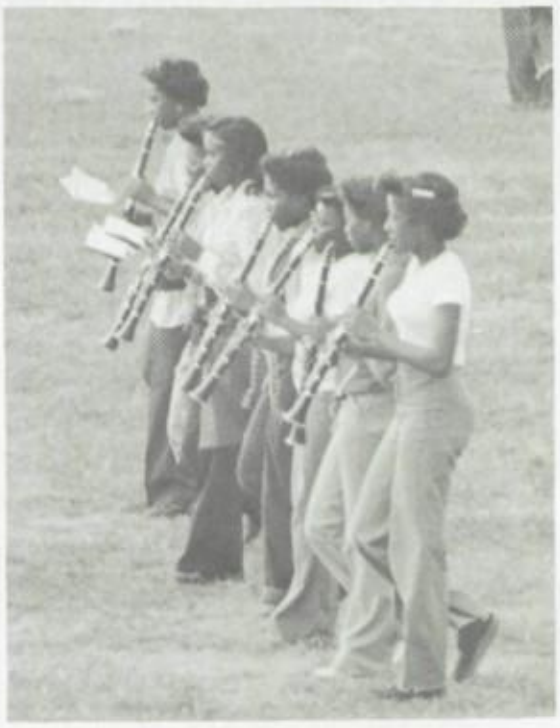
Ta da! Misses Jan McDonnieal, Jennifer Fizer, and Pam Hardy are ready for the last ripple in their Homecoming show.

The 1978-79 Murrah Misses are *(BACK ROW)* Jana Stroh, Kim Felts, Grace Baringer, Susan Hartung, Lydia Norris, Nancy Roberts, Robin Magruder, Lisa Garner, Vanessa Wilson, Leslie Jordan, Gail Lipsey, Selika Sweet, *(MIDDLE ROW)* Missy Nevins, Carolyn Weathersby, Meredith Baldwin, Valerie Brown, Stormmie Minnifield, Jackie Shaw, Mary Powel Jabaley, Winkie Lockhart, Linda Chase, Ellece O'Hara, Lyn Denson, Jan McDonnieal, Jennifer Fizer, Pam Hardy, (FRONT ROW) Co-captains Nancy Robertson, and Gwen Miller.

Keep on smiling! Meredith Baldwin and Susan Hartung produce instant smiles when they hear the beat of the band and the cheers of the crowd.

Tinkling tympani. Sara Henderson concentrates on her instrument during the Jackson State parade.

Rifle and Flag Corps members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Beverly McCarthy, Kathy Watson, *(STANDING)* Angela Robinson, Captain Veronica Wonsley, Sharon Brown, Carolyn Palmer, and Gwendolyn Thompson.



Practice makes perfect. The woodwind section strives for perfection in an after-school rehearsal.

Five Flags Over Murrah! Led by the Flag and Rifle Corps, the Band demonstrates precision drill maneuvers.

Marchers & Musicians

Under the baton of Mr. George Hancock, the blue and silver marching machine presented ten halftime shows, played the national anthem before five football games, entertained at three junior high school assemblies, marched in two parades (Jackson State's Homecoming Parade and the City Christmas Parade), and participated in one band festival. It also provided the beat for pep rallies.

Individual band members participated in several other events during the year. Eleven Murrah bandsmen played in the Senior High All-City Band, and four were placed first in their sections. Patricia Hodges and Silas Stapleton were selected as members of the Mississippi State University All-Star Band in a clinic held February 9 and 10. Both were the principals of their sections. Fifteen band members participated in State Solo and Ensemble Contest. Five of them earned superior ratings in solo competition. The flute quartet was judged superior among the ensembles. The presence of all this talent upgraded the quality of the band's performance and more than compensated for its decrease in numbers.

Music Man, Jerome Lewis blows his horn during the Jackson State Homecoming parade.

Murrah Band members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Antrice Baggett, Annette Martin, Karen Woodard, Angela Clark, Pat Jacobs, Ava Jones, Patricia Hodges, *(SECOND ROW)* Kimberly States, Winnifred Love, Yvette Smith, Kathy Sturgis, Rob Young, Robert Robinson, Cary Junior, Vincent Walker, Antrece Scott, James Carmack, *(THIRD ROW)* Fred Armstrong, Jerome Jackson, Victor Junior, Elizabeth Williams, Michael VanVelkinberg, Michael Warren, Shannon Dortch, Levorn Lipsey, Kenneth Chapman, Monte Luehlfing, *(STANDING)* Timothy Green, Glen Perkins, Michael Gator, William Tomlinson, Sara Henderson, Charlie Fields, John Gray, and Felix Harvey.

Three tardies make one absence. Singer secretary Lyn Denson checks the roll.

"Exultant eh-xultant!" Allen Phares, Boty McDonald, and Dennis Smith *(BELOW LEFT)* put real meaning into their singing.

Ready? One, two, three. Robert Smith *(BELOW RIGHT)* shows his directing ability with the Murrah Singers.

Zi, ze, za, zo, zu. Rob Weaver and Houston Wells show perfect posture in Murrah Singer rehearsal.

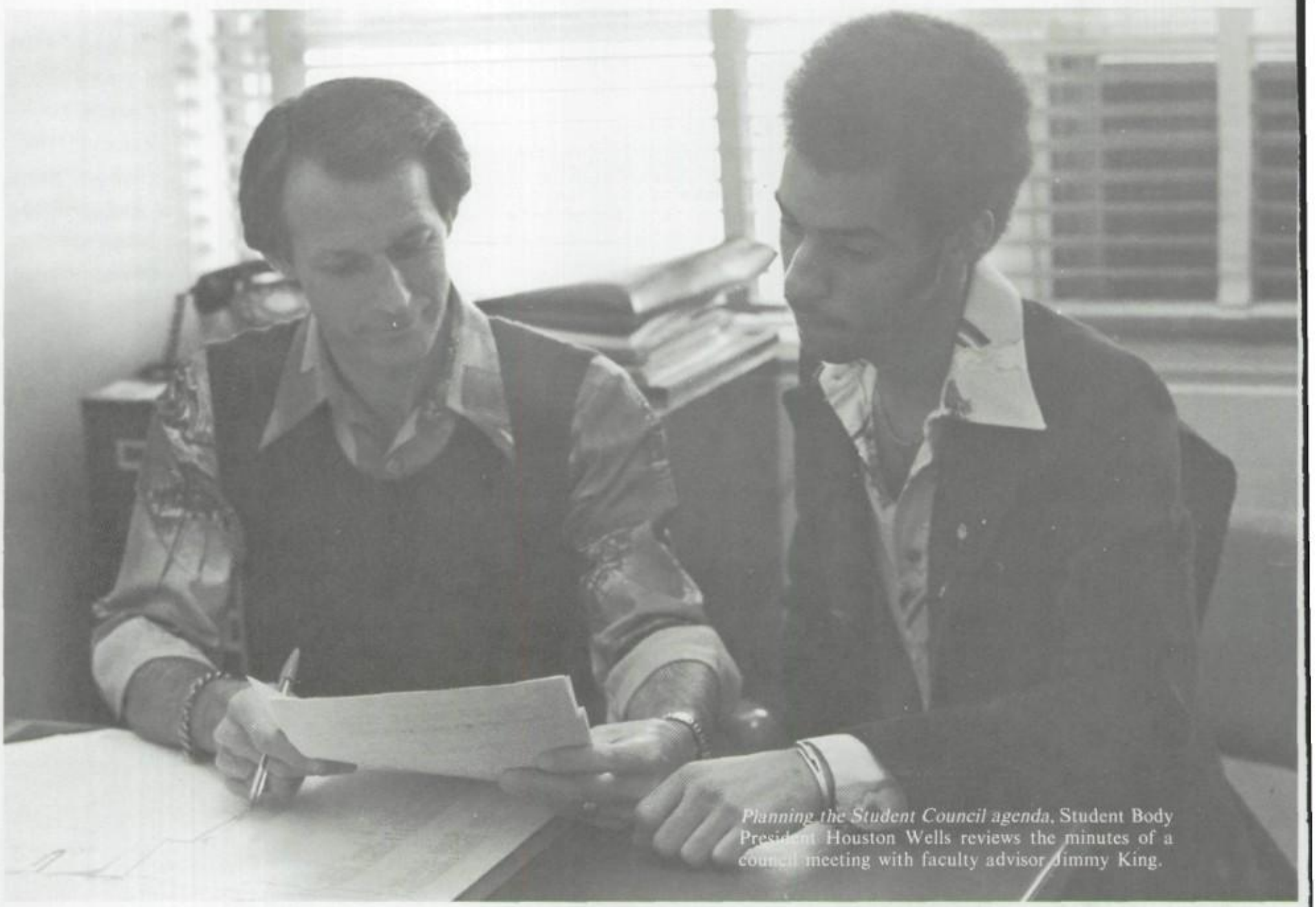
The Voices

Murrah Singers, a fifty-seven voice choir carefully selected by director Barbara Massey was an organization widely acclaimed for its excellent musicianship. In their daily practices, Singers strove for perfection from the beginning of school until Class Day. The busiest part of the concert season was Christmas time, when the Singers performed at luncheon clubs, shopping malls, City Hall, Whitfield State Hospital, and even on TV. The annual Christmas Candlelight Concert, given at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and at the school, was one of the most important events of the year, and moved many to tears.

When spring came, Mrs. Massey led her group to district and state competition, in which the Singers always excelled. Selected members also sang in the All-City Choral Festival on February 22. Singing Valentines and church concerts once again brought the Singers into the public eye.

The most eagerly anticipated event of the spring, however, was the traditional trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Four days were packed with bus trips, shopping, mountain climbing, swimming, and singing. At the end of the year, as always, the group separated, but in their hearts, they would always remain Murrah Singers.

Murrah Singers are: *(OPPOSITE LEFT) (FRONT ROW)* Leisa Mikles, accompanist; Mary Powel Jabaley, vice-president; Maud Deles Gober, Sheila Snyder, Vicki Sallis, soprano section leader; Tricia Freeman, Carolyn Weathersby, Missy Nevins, Nancy Robertson, Vanessa Wilson, Jana Stroh, Leslie Jordan, Terri Kelly, alto section leader; Kandye Jones, co-treasurer; Lyn Denson, secretary; Mrs. Barbara Massey, director; *(SECOND ROW)* Michelle Miggins, librarian; Cynthia Alexander, Debbie Berman, Jennifer Gilmer, Barbara Posey, Sara Garrott, Robin Magruder, Sadelle Johnson, Margaret Gibson, Susan Hartung, Jackie Warden, Grace Baringer, Gwen Miller, Jan McDonnieal, Cordelia Douzenis, Leigh Bailey, co-treasurer; *(THIRD ROW)* Ishia Chapman, Robert Smith, tenor section leader; David Hall, Dennis Smith, Gary Parrish, Eddy Waller, Kelly Wallace, Warren Tate, Houston Wells, president; Rob Weaver, baritone section leader; Michael Jabaley, John Ratliff, Danny Rainey, *(FOURTH ROW)* Grant Nooe, Steve Goodman, Ben Peeler, Boty McDonald, Eddie Elward, Carneal Chambliss, Ricky Denson, Allen Phares, bass section leader; Keith Winstead, Daniel Holmes, Bernard Lucas, and Tim Gilmore.



Planning the Student Council agenda, Student Body President Houston Wells reviews the minutes of a council meeting with faculty advisor Jimmy King.

The Representatives

"Would you please restate the motion . . . Point of information . . . I second the motion . . . Please give committee reports in full . . . Mr. Chairman . . ." These phrases drifted from the audio-visual room once a week when the student council conducted meetings. Activities of the council, a governing body of representatives from each class, began during the summer, when Houston Wells, student body president attended a National Leadership Training Center at Indiana University. Michael VanVelkinberg and Houston attended the Southern Association of Student Councils in Hickory, North Carolina, in October.

As the Christmas season approached, the council collected items for donation to the Good Samaritan Center, and sold Christmas wrapping paper.

The Mayor's Youth Council, made up of representatives from each of Jackson's seven high schools, met every two weeks with Mayor Dale Danks, to discuss issues concerning young people. They actively participated in the campaign for the Fourth District Congressional position by providing a forum for the candidates to air their opinions. Democrat John Hampton Stennis, Republican Jon Hinson, and Independents Evan Doss and Mary Maxey answered questions submitted by members of the council concerning such issues as education, taxation, ecology, and the ERA. In the November election, John Hinson defeated John Hampton Stennis by a two-to one majority. Hinson took over the Congressional seat vacated by Thad Cochran, who was elected the first popularly elected Republican Senator from Mississippi in a hundred years.

The Emergency School Assistance Act Committee, sponsored by Mrs. Louise Owens, was balanced by race, sex, and class. ESAA's projects in '78-'79 included cleaning the patio, establishing a tutorial program among students, and raising money for cold water fountains in the building by selling graduation telegrams.

Mayor's Youth Council members are: *(FRONT)* Patricia Hodges, Shannon Dortch, Tonya Thomas, and *(TOP)* Ricky Denson. Not pictured is Cathye Ross.

ESAA Committee members are: *(FRONT)* Ethel Mills, Tricia Freeman, Debbie Berman, Sandra Tillman, Bill Hetrick, *(SECOND ROW)* Alisa Wilson, Michael VanVelkinberg, Jodi Marks, David Moore, *(THIRD ROW)* Mark Rigsby, Steve Goodman, Ruby Ellis, sponsor Mrs. Louise Owens, *(TOP ROW)* Gwen Miller and Carneal Chambliss.

Coke adds life to the PTSA spaghetti supper as student council member Kathy Weidert makes a sale.

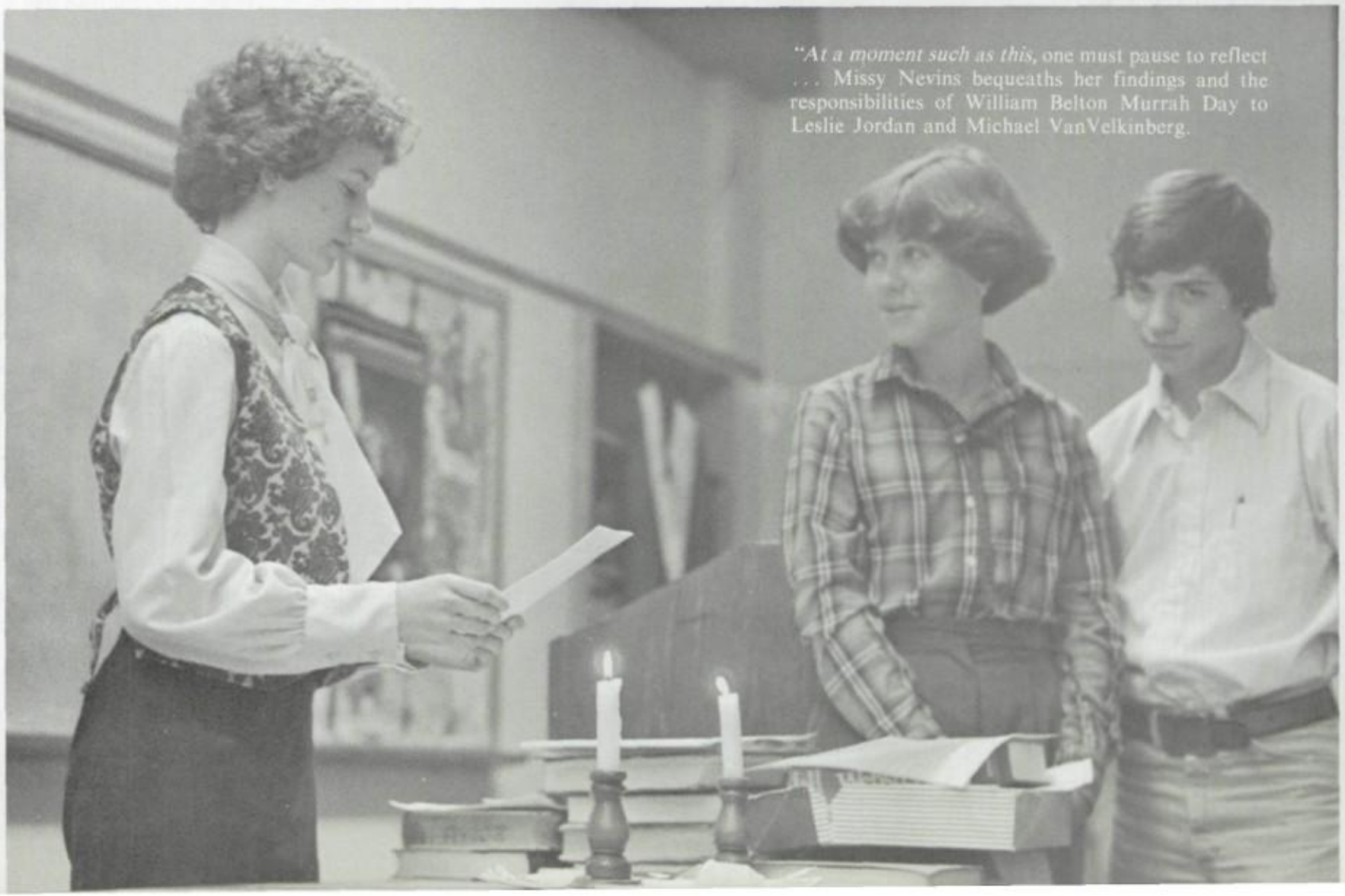
Student Council members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Ishia Chapman, Tricia Freeman, Michael Jabaley, Leisa Mikles, vice-president; Terri Kelly, secretary; Michael VanVelkinberg, reporter; Houston Wells, president; Michelle Miggins, Carneal Chambliss, parliamentarian; *(SECOND ROW)* Margaret Gibson, Vicki Sallis, Carney Stevens, Debbie Berman, Sandra Tillman, Tammy Plummer, Jacqueline Braddy, Diane Powell, Cathye Ross, Alisa Wilson, *(THIRD ROW)* Patricia Hodges, Pam Hardy, Angela Clark, Sara Henderson, Kay lee, Menoo Sekhon, Jodi Marks, *(FOURTH ROW)* Carey Junior, Kenneth McDonald, Gwen Davis, Ruby Ellis, Gwen Miller, Sadelle Johnson, Kathy Reidert, and Dennis Holloway.

Junior Classical League members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Nancy Robertson, Bill Hetrick, Tricia Murphy, Lyn Denson, Kandye Jones, *(SECOND ROW)* Rebecca Harris, Robin Magruder, Kim Felts, Julie Kemberling, Leigh Bailey, *(THIRD ROW)* Hunter Gibson, Tony Slawson, David Moore, and Donald Pettit.

Junior Classical League members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Valerie Brown, Jackie Warden, Cathye Ross, Alisa Wilson, *(SECOND ROW)* Michelle Leavell, Susan Chestnut, Kim Hardy, Carneal Chambliss, Melanie Carroll, *(THIRD ROW)* Larry Slaughter, Doug Hutcherson, Billy Franklin, Maxwell Smith, *(FOURTH ROW)* Robbie Coatsworth, and Terry Addy.

Junior Classical League members are: *(OPPOSITE PAGE TOP LEFT) (FRONT ROW)* Margaret Gibson, Tricia Freeman, Carolyn Weathersby, Vickie Burns, Gwen Davis, *(SECOND ROW)* Sarah Lee, Jay Farmer, Sylvia Harris, *(THIRD ROW)* Ken Oldfield, Scott Rawlings, Jim Slater, Houston Wells, and Carney Stevens.

Junior Classical League members are: *(OPPOSITE PAGE TOP RIGHT) (FRONT ROW)* Rhonda Burt, Daniel Holmes, Cordelia Douzenis, Allen Phares, Karen Evers, *(SECOND ROW)* Becky Hutchison, Carey Young, Sammie Bratton, Kim Smith, Bernard Wolfe, *(THIRD ROW)* Pam Tillman, Jeff Foster, Wesley Brown, Melvin Leflore, and Nora Chapman.



"At a moment such as this, one must pause to reflect . . . Missy Nevins bequeaths her findings and the responsibilities of William Belton Murrah Day to Leslie Jordan and Michael VanVelkinberg.

Junior Historians are: *(FRONT ROW)* Ishia Chapman, Angela Clark, Boty McDonald, Nancy Roberts, Mary Powel Jabaley, Allen Phares, Vanessa Wilson, David Richards, Jennifer Gilmer, Debbie Berman, Ricky Denson, *(SECOND ROW)* Cathye Ross, Alisa Wilson, Reggie Blackman, Patricia Hodges, Richard Watts, Daniel Holmes, Tricia Freeman, Michael Jabaley, Carolyn Weathersby, Kelly Wallace, Robin Magruder, Leslie Jordan, Leigh Bailey, *(THIRD ROW)* Bill Hetrick, Michael VanVelkinberg, Tonya Thomas, Sheila Patton, Pat Jacobs, Jan McDonnieal, John Ratliff, Missy Nevins, Rob Weaver, Margaret Gibson, Carol Marks, Kathy Weidert, Mrs. Diane Canterbury, sponsor; and Karen Evers.

Historians and Romans

Latina est mortua non! So proclaimed Magister and the Junior Classical League. JCL attempted to enhance student knowledge of Greek and Roman culture, and to encourage the study of Latin. Jim Barfield, alias "Magister" organized and directed "Pyramus and Thisbe" and "The Plight of Pandora", two skits taken from mythology, which were presented at junior high schools throughout the city. JCL, led by co-presidents Carneal Chambliss and Boty McDonald, held the traditional talent show, slave auction, and Roman banquet in April.

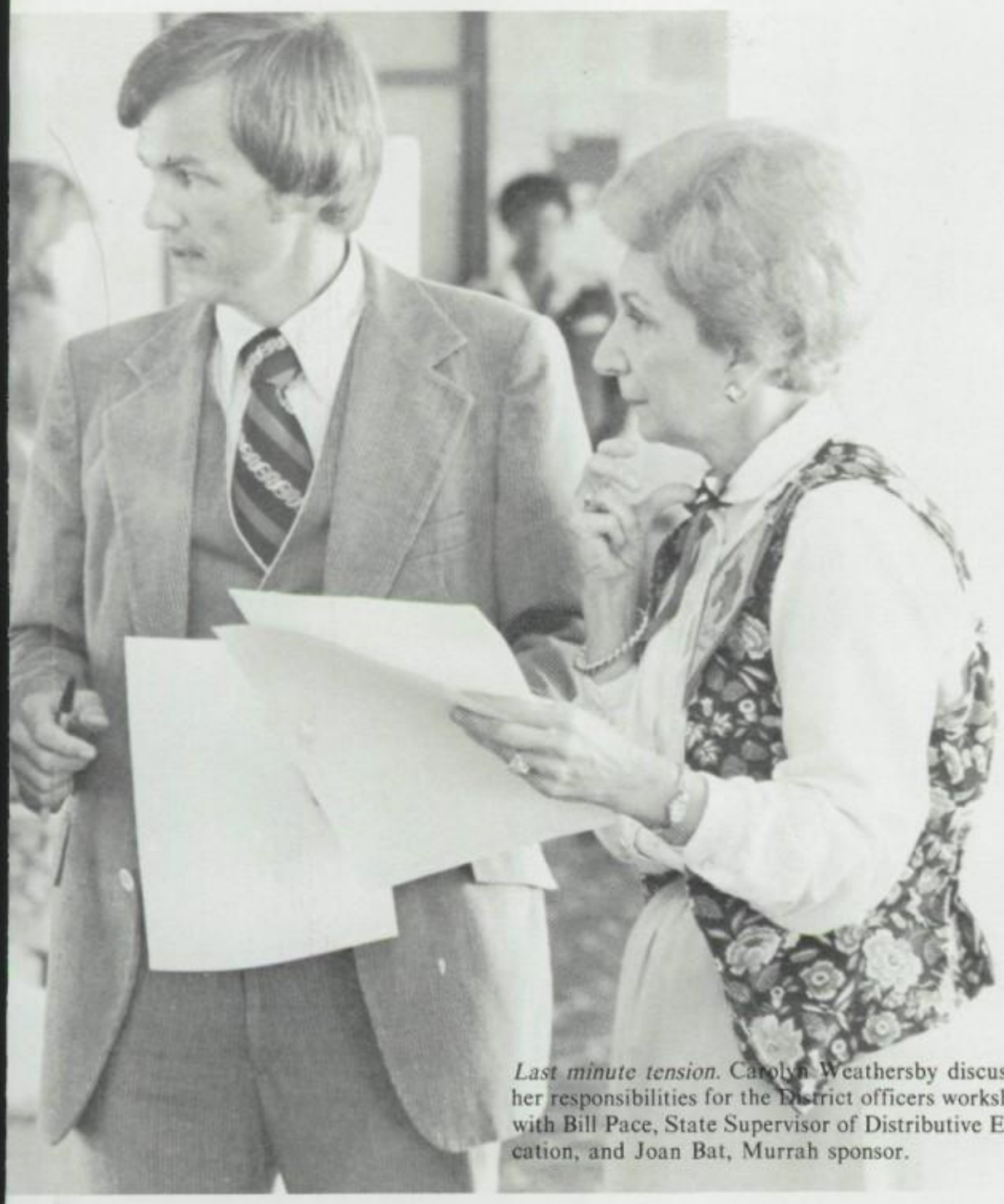
"Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it." This awesome possibility was averted by the Junior Historical Society, whose purpose was to promote and ensure an interest in history. The Murrah chapter of this notorious organization, led by Kelly Wallace, president; Mary Powel Jabaley, vice-president; and Margaret Gibson, secretary; has strived since its inception to preserve a respect for things historical, such as its sponsors. It also produced four of the five winners of the 1978 state Junior Historical Society essay contest: Kelly Wallace, second; Mary Powel Jabaley, third; Julie Kemberling, fourth; and Carolyn Weathersby, fifth. These students devoted April 15, 1978, to attending the JHS convention at Florewood Plantation in Greenwood.

The most important event of the year was the observance of William Belton Murrah Day with a dignified graveside ceremony. This ceremony was conducted by Tracy Bell (who since moved to Missouri)) and Missy Nevins. In late 1978, at a dignified candlelight ceremony, Missy delegated the responsibility of William Belton Murrah Day to juniors Lelie Jordan and Michael VanVelkinberg, who continued the tradition with a similarly dignified graveside ceremony on May 11, 1979.

Love those freebies! Annette Bouldin reaches into a DECA goody bag given to participants in the District Officers workshop at the Career Development Center.

DECA members are: (FRONT ROW) Tricia Freeman, Lyn Denson, Nancy Robertson, Kandye Jones, Linda Kearney, Carolyn Weathersby, Carol Marks, Annette Bouldin, Margaret Gibson, Tracy Dubreville, *(SECOND ROW)* Scott Rawlings, Becky Hutchison, Rufus Burks, Kim Felts, Anna Claire Ford, Linda Franklin, Mindy Geiger, Dona Luckey, Vernada Davis, Sylvia Harris, *(THIRD ROW)* Vicki Sallis, Terry Addy, Eddy Waller, non-member, Vickie Burns, Jackie Warden, Winky Lockhart, Joyce Hill, Michael Gater, *(FOURTH ROW)* Jim Slater, Bill Hetrick, non-member, Grant Nooe, Barbara Posey, Eliza Shearry, Beverly Johnson, Costella Jenkins, Vanissa Sampson, *(FIFTH ROW)* Mrs. Joan T. Bat, Bao Nguyen, J.C. Johnson, Barry Kynerd, Paul Smith, Susan Levy, William Tate, Christy Kirkwood, *(SIXTH ROW)* Thomas Wells, Gwen Davis, Houston Wells, Carney Stevens, Tim Gilmore, Thalia Sanders, Glenda Johnson, and Harold Gater.

Retail in Detail



Last minute tension. Carolyn Weathersby discusses her responsibilities for the District officers workshop with Bill Pace, State Supervisor of Distributive Education, and Joan Bat, Murrah sponsor.

"Have you finished that display?" "The channel of distribution reports are due tomorrow." DECA members studied all aspects of retailing. Composed of Sales and marketing students, the MHS Distributive Education Clubs of America chapter participated in workshops, fundraising events, District, and State competition.

The annual installation and initiation banquet was held November 7 at the Western Sizzlin Steak House. Carolyn Weathersby, District I State Vice-president, installed newly-elected officers, and chapter President, Linda Kearney, initiated the new members.

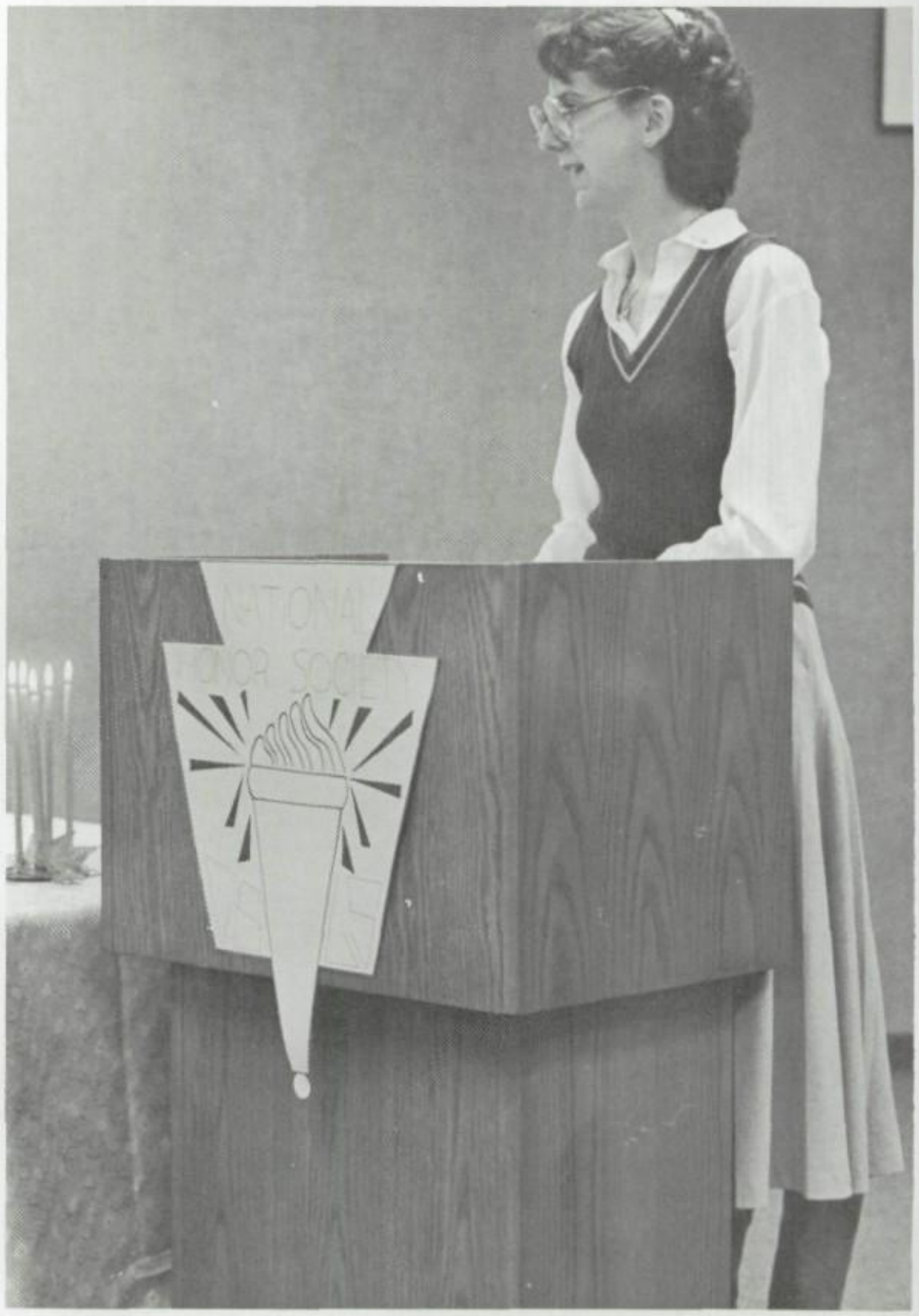
Fourteen Murrah DECA students competed against other schools in District I at Hinds Junior College, February 11. Murrah had five winners: Vicki Sallis, third place in Food Service; Nancy Robertson, second place in Apparel and Accessories; Linda Kearney, second place, Finance and Credit; and Susan Levy, first place, Apparel and Accessories. They competed in the state convention at Biloxi in April.

"Would you like an apple?" Tricia Freeman offers Christmas cheer to a woman at the Lakeland Nursing home. DECA members carried Christmas favors to patients at the home.

"And my brand of shoes is Connie!" Tracy Dubreville shows the third period Sales and Marketing class her Channel of Distribution report.

Welcome to NHS, Pearl. President Carol Marks address the initiates of the Pearl High School National Honor Society chapter.

Don't drop those cookies! Reginald Blackman grabs some cookies while Kelly Wallace tries to steady the tray at the Pearl Public Library.



.....The Scholars.....

Shhhhhhh . . . Intellectuals at work! The scene was Northside, Millsaps, Belhaven, Main, Murrah — any library in the Jackson area. A certain group frequented these places regularly, seeking information for various term papers, essays, projects, and a quiet place to study. They had two things in common — they were scholars and National Honor Society members.

The National Honor Society was established to promote scholarship, service, leadership, and character. It required each member to have a B+ average in all academic subjects. Although the society elected officers at the beginning of the year, it did not initiate new members (juniors) until after semester grades were issued in February.

On November 21, Murrah's chapter responded gallantly to Pearl High School's request for assistance and conducted the initiation of members and officers of the newly-formed Pearl chapter. The ceremony was held after the story hour in the Pearl Public Library, and was followed by a reception. Back in the city limits, the adventurous Carol Adams, sponsor, led her group to Wendy's for lunch, and then guarded them from the perils of Riverside Park's Nature Trail.

What should I eat next? Eating at Wendy's is one of the ways National Honor Society member Leisa Mikles relaxes after a meeting.

Watch your step! National Honor Society sponsor, Mrs. Carol Adams enjoys the group's trip to the Nature Trail.

National Honor Society members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Kelly Wallace, treasurer; Leisa Mikles, vice-president; Cordelia Douzenis, secretary, Carol Marks, president; Sara Henderson, reporter; *(SECOND ROW)* Rob Weaver, Mary Powel Jabaley, Angela Clark, Cathye Ross, Kathy Weidert, *(THIRD ROW)* Vicki Sallis, Margaret Gibson, Sheila Hudson, Reggie Blackman, and Patricia Hodges.

"These math people are so sloppy!" MAΘ's librarian, Robin Magruder, is kept busy with the "library" in the back of Mrs. Tramel's room.

Oh, it works! Jana Stroh is pleasantly surprised by the success of the computer program run by Mu Alpha Theta member Angela Clark.

Members of Mu Alpha Theta in 1978-79 are *(FRONT ROW)* President, Patricia Hodges; Vice-president, Rob Weaver; Secretary, Kathy Weidert; Treasurer, Boty McDonald; Historian, Cordelia Douzenis; Librarian, Robin Magruder; Reporter, Mary Powel Jabaley; *(SECOND ROW)* Sheila Hudson, Angela Clark, Lisa Garner, Nancy Robertson, Sara Henderson, Susan Hutchinson, *(THIRD ROW)* Carol Marks, Rebecca Harris, Juli Jochimsen, Leslie Jordan, Kelly Wallace, Margaret Gibson, Terri Kelly, Debbie Berman, Diane Powell, Sponsor, Mrs. Pauline Tramel; *(FOURTH ROW)* Bill Hetrick, Jeannette Prince, Don Christy, Reginald Blackman, Sara Garrott, Michael Jabaley, Nancy Roberts, and John Ratliff.

Think math!

What club captured its fifth consecutive state title in 1978? The club that was named by the Greek letters "Mu", "Alpha", and "Theta." The chief requirements for membership were two or more final A's and no grade lower than B in math, and a B average in other courses.

On October 30, 17 students were initiated into the society at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, bringing the total membership to 34. Mrs. Pauline Tramel, sponsor, promoted many of the annual club activities, the first of which was Think Math Week, observed with posters and a bulletin during the week of October 23 — November 3. Another event was the Mississippi College Math-Science Fair, held on February 2. Participants included Sara Garrott, Sara Henderson, Sheila Hudson, Mary Powel Jabaley, Michael Jabaley, Robin Magruder, Carol Marks, Rob Weaver, and Kathy Weidert. Five of these students took the math test, with Rob Weavers, Mary Powel Jabaley, Michael Jabaley, and Sara Henderson placing in the top 10%. These four also composed the Quiz Bowl team.

Mary Powel Jabaley served as state vice-president of the organization until her term ended on March 31, the second day of the state convention. Held in Biloxi, Mississippi, it was an opportunity to combine scholastics with recreation, and to escape the monotonous routine of school.

Intellectuals of the year. National Merit Finalist Rob Weaver, National Achievement Finalist Richard Watts, and National Merit Finalists Sara Henderson and Mary Powel Jabaley pose for the camera. *(ABOVE)*

What a pain! Addressing newsletters to all 32 chapters of Mississippi's Mu Alpha Theta is just another chore for State Vice-president Mary Powel Jabaley.

Left-Right-Left

Future military personnel — unite! Students who appreciated military discipline; students who wanted to learn first-aid or marksmanship; students who liked to drill; and students who enjoyed wearing uniforms; these were the members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Since its inception in 1977, ROTC doubled in size, registering 159 first, second, and third-year cadets. These were inspired by the success of last year's batallions, which combined with Callaway to win first place in the city's annual Formal Inspection.

Cadets sold MHS litterbaskets to raise money for a military ball to be held at the end of the year.

ROTC Staff includes: Willie Brinson, J.C. Johnson, Larona Armstrong, Bill Hetrick, Bill West, and Chris Mize.

Hup, two, three, four . . . Sgt. Sanford inspects the rank and file of the drill teams.

Atten-TION!!! Vickie Burns commands the Girls' Drill Team in an exhibition before the student body.

Silent observer. Sgt. Jimmie Rhodes stands in the background as ROTC group pictures are made.

Company A cadets are: *(FRONT)* Ronnie Evans, Vickie Burns, *(SECOND ROW)* Lee Johnson, Michael Hatchett, *(THIRD ROW)* Hattie Jones, Glenda Milton, Jimmie Gater, Mary Thomas, Elaine Thomas, Lorener Byrant, Darrell Chambers, *(FOURTH ROW)* Francina Case, Lee Barnes, Yvonne Grant, Frank Michael, Stephanie Butler, Brenda Lewis, Fred Armstrong, *(FIFTH ROW)* Allen Young, Anthony Phillips, Lonnette Stubbs, Beverly Washington, Sharon Parker, Shirley Harrington, Charlie Fields, and Douglass Hutcherson.

Company B cadets are: *(FRONT)* Kenneth Mosley, *(SECOND ROW)* Betty Gibson, Bruce McField, Cheryl Clerk, Dwayne Taylor, Jeannie Ross, *(THIRD ROW)* Regina Henderson, Judy Hornsby, Tommie Johnson, Iris Crumbly, Saundria Evans, *(FOURTH ROW)* Jessie James, Don Montgomery, Diane Tucker, Carrie Williams, Jacklyn Oscar, *(FIFTH ROW)* Lula Clincy, McArthur Russell, Tracey Holmes, Angela Robinson, Christy Anderson, and Hules McDougles.

Company C cadets are: *(FRONT)* Wendall Pickens, Gregory Pippins, Costella Jenkins, *(SECOND ROW)* Voncilla Brown, Deborah Greer, Barbara Brooks, Laurie West, Rachel Lewis, Samuel Hill, Hosie Williams, Gentle Jackson, *(THIRD ROW)* James English, Regina Green, Pierre Pryer, Marie Manning, Duncan Holmes, Samuel Finley, Tommie Course, Emma Caldwell, *(FOURTH ROW)* Joann Wilkerson, Linda Peels, Willie Jackson, Callie Braggs, Kenneth Randolph, Leache Jacobs, *(FIFTH ROW)* Cynthia Sutton, Deborah Hatchett, Anita Rogers, Danny Carlisle, Bertha Teague, and Gwen Maberry.

Company D cadets are: *(FRONT)* Dexter Myles, *(SECOND ROW)* Evelyn Hatchett, Lynn Bell, Claude Win, Marilyn Greenfield, Walter James, Loretta Thomas, Ronnie Ashford, Vickie Payton, Tonya Rawls, Gloria Barnes *(THIRD ROW)* Theresa Harris, Jean Anderson, Lynn Perkins, Helen Teague, Reginald Wilson, Shirley Nichols, Betty Carlisle, Gerald Jones, Cynthia Williams, *(FOURTH ROW)* Jacqueline Williams, Sandra Thomas, Gary Ratcliffe, Ann Banks, Kim Sibbie, Marvin Henson, Comolita Catchings, Durfie Burns, *(FIFTH ROW)* Marion Brooks, Sylvester Course, Doris McLin, Roosevelt Fleming, Gretchen McGruder, Sammy Trotter, Rose Gill, Cathy Fields.

Laying out the Hoofbeat. Kathy Weidert, Linda Kearney, Terri Kelly, and Michelle Miggins rush to meet a deadline.

The Reporters

"Where's that story? . . . I can't find the headline! . . . Here, take this to the printers. Hurry!!!"

Although the production of the *Hoofbeat,* the school newspaper, was not always that hectic, it was, nevertheless, a challenging task to mass produce the publication for over 900 students and teachers. It took an energetic staff headed by editors, Linda Kearney and Kathy Weidert, and sponsor Kay Baines to produce each edition of the paper.

Several new features were *added* to *Hoofbeat* during the current year. "Spotlight," which focused on two outstanding seniors in each issue, replaced the "Beauty and Beau" column. Some issues also featured reviews of coming events, such as musicals and "Laserock," a musical light show. The staff pooled its wit to produce a special April Fool's Day issue which included some tongue-in cheek articles about members of the student body and faculty. Successful items such as "mental meanderings" and "news briefs" were retained.

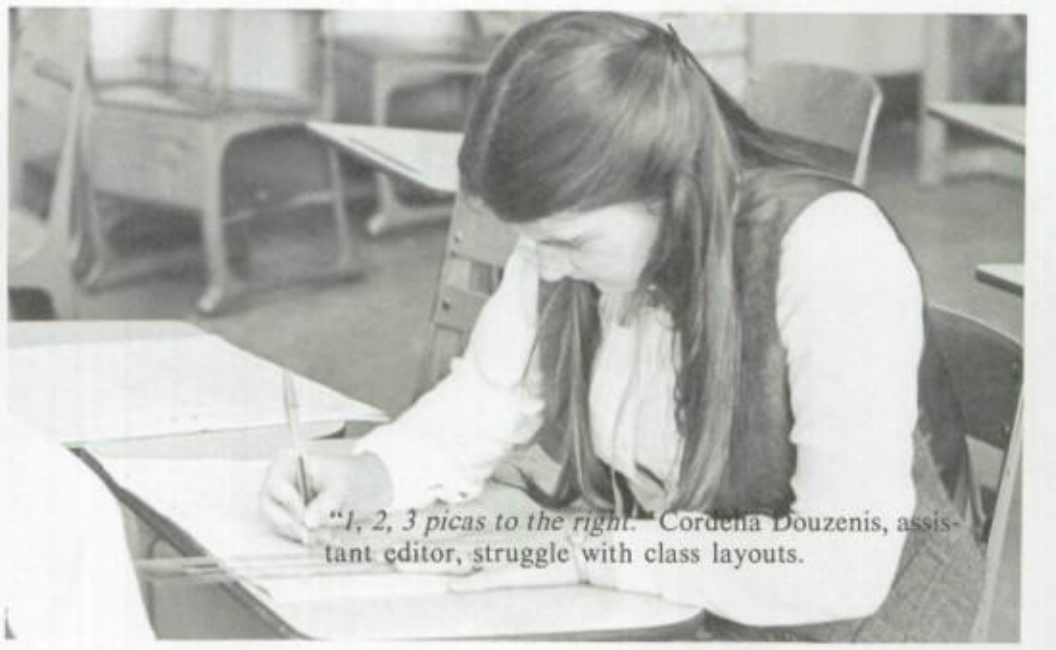
Financial difficulties forced the staff to charge for subscriptions for the first time in two years. The cost — $1.00 for eight issues — however, was a small price to pay for school news. The staff spearheaded two ad sales drives on March 6 and 8, to raise extra funds for the paper and promote staff unity.

A small portion of the staff worked diligently each month to produce the final edition. Often the members worked until the wee hours of the morning to meet a deadline, but the results were worth it — a paper the entire *Hoofbeat* staff could be proud of.

Warding off withdrawal symptoms. With her M & M fix, Mrs. Baines can conduct business as usual.

The makings of a fine artist. Hoofbeat staffer Karen Evers daydreams and doodles during Journalism Class.

Hoofbeat staffers are *(FRONT ROW)* Boty McDonald, sports editor; Ricky Briggs, layout editor; Sara Garrott, business manager; Terri Kelly, news editor; Linda Kearney, Kathy Weidert, co-editors; Mark Rigsby, feature editor; *(SECOND ROW)* Dennis Holloway, Stormie Minniefield, Pam Hardy, Lyn Denson, Costella Jenkins, Deborah Greer, *(THIRD ROW)* Julie Kemerling, Kris Kellogg, copy editor; Gwen Davis, Juanita Brandon, Joseph Smith, *(FOURTH ROW)* Cordelia Douzenis, Tonya Thomas, Girls sports editor; Leisa Mikles, Pat Jacobs, *(FIFTH ROW)* Ron Dill, advertising manager; Robert Bowman, Kenneth Oldfield, Gary Silberman, Harold Gater, art editor; Mrs. Kay Baines, sponsor; David Hall, Michelle Miggins, Ishia Chapman, Laurie West, Tracy Michael, and David Richards.



"1, 2, 3 picas to the right." Cordelia Douzenis, assistant editor, struggle with class layouts.

"Anything you want done today, forget it. I haven't finished last week yet!" Editor Margaret Gibson typlifies the attitude of *Résumé* staff during the frantic last days of production.

"It's not as difficult as it looks!" Mrs. Hardy *(LEFT)* explains layouts to feature editor Becky Hutchison and Ishia Chapman.

A newsboy cap is appropriate. Copy editors Allen Phares and Mary Powel Jabaley have a consultation about some copy that desperately needs editing.

Still the One!

Copy! Layouts! Captions! Deadlines! When one walked by room 119 during fifth period, these words often floated out. After a trip to Yearbook Camp sponsored by Graduate Supply House, in early June, Mrs. Linda Hardy, Margaret Gibson, and Cordelia Douzenis returned to Jackson dreaming of an All-American annual. They infected the staff with their enthusiasm, and several summer meetings were held to work or to socialize. Nevertheless, a lot of work accumulated over the summer and during the fall, so a desperate effort was required to develop and print all the pictures, write and edit all the copy, and lay out every single page.

Funds were also a problem. The price of the annual was $8.50 for the third consecutive year, but inflation drove the production costs so high that money donated by patrons was insufficient to cover the cost. The feature pageant, a traditional fund-raising activity was produced by feature editor Becky Hutchison on December 7. Although the pageant was a success, the business manager, Kelly Wallace, was frustrated in many of his money-making attempts, which were too often vetoed by school authorities. One successful activity was the selling of bumper stickers that read, "MHS — We're still the One." For the most part, however, the staff concentrated on selling the annuals ordered to raise the rest of the required sum.

As deadlines loomed ever nearer, a small portion of the staff rallied to produce and mail the 1978-79 *Résumé,* proving that even in times of stress, *MHS is Still the One!*

The 1978-79 Résumé staff consists of *(KNEELING)* Kelly Wallace, Margaret Gibson, Becky Hutchison, Mary Powell Jabaley, *(SECOND ROW)* Rob Young, Debbie Berman, Alisa Wilson, *(THIRD ROW)* Sheila Hudson, Cathye Ross, Ishia Chapman, Jennifer Farmer, Bill Hetrick, *(FOURTH ROW)* Tricia Freeman, Sara Henderson, Houston Wells, Julia Weaver, Robert Smith, *(FIFTH ROW)* Ricky Denson, Jan McDonnieal, David Hall, Kaye Lee, Jodi Marks, Sara Garrott, Carol Marks, *(SIXTH ROW)* Reggie Blackman, Carneal Chambliss, Patricia Hodges, Judy Hornsby, *(NOT PICTURED)* Cordelia Douzenis, Boty McDonald, Allen Phares, Michael Jabaley, Vicki Sallis, and Susan Hutchinson.

The Literary Minds

"Buy a *Pleiades!*" What are pleiades? According to Webster, they are a large group of stars which represent the seven daughters of mythological characters Atlas and Pleione, who were placed in the sky by the God Zeus. One star, the "Lost Pleiad" is said to be hiding, but it may have come to earth in Room 125. This room is the home of the literary magazine, *Pleiades,* and its sponsor, Phil Lowe. An explosive staff, assembled by Lowe and Editor, Vicki Sallis, spearheaded by such talented writers as Mary Powel Jabaley and Allen Phares, managed to avoid personality conflicts and cutthroat attitudes among its members to produce the twenty-third editon of the *Pleiades.* The format was changed slightly to include a *Lampoon* section, which explored the lighter, subtler side of the school. The literary portion featured poetry by B.J. Wolfe and Andy Boone. The black on white magazine, spiced by the cartoons of Harold Gater, enjoyed city-wide acclaim as well as satisfaction for all those who contributed. The staff celebrated the April publication with a dinner at Cerami's.

Quill and Scroll, a group of outstanding senior journalists, met once a month to discuss ways to promote better journalism in the three school publications, *Hoofbeat, Résumé,* and *Pleiades.* In addition to seniority, requirements for membership were a 3.00 grade average and nomination by one of the publication sponsors, Mrs. Kay Baines, Sponsor, proved invaluable to the oganization as an experienced guide in activities, which included an informal supper and production of a short play. Quill & Scroll also sponsored banquet.

"I'll cook the lasagne," Quill & Scroll president Kathy Weidert oversees the planning of a club dinner.

A tip of the hat recognizes an admirer of Andy Boone's writing while he works on a sketch for the *Pleiades Lampoon.*

Pleiades staffers are: *(STANDING)* Mary Powel Jabaley, Boty McDonald, Harold Gater, Sheila Hudson, Bill Hetrick, Carol Marks, Allen Phares, Kathy Weidert, Editor-in-chief Vicki Sallis, *(SEATED)* Bernard Wolfe, and Sara Henderson.

Quill & Scroll members are: *(FRONT ROW)* Reginald Blackman, President Kathy Weidert, Linda Kearney, Leisa Mikles, *(SECOND ROW)* Carol Marks, Cordelia Douzenis, Sara Henderson, Pat Jacobs, Mary Powel Jabaley, Sponsor Mrs. Kay Baines, *(THIRD ROW)* Boty McDonald, Vicki Sallis, Becky Hutchison, Tonya Thomas, Margaret Gibson, Terri Kelly, Sheila Hudson, and Allen Phares.

Sports — that which diverts and
makes mirth, a pastime,
or pleasantry.
Whether it was a pigskin and
pads, a basketball and
backboard, or a baseball
and bat, no matter the weapon
or the war,
Murrah athletes excelled.
The 1978-79 Murrah athlete
inherited a reputation
for winning. He or she was
cocky.
Familiarity with superiority
had bred contempt for
the competition.
Wearers of the blue and silver
uniforms were decorated
many times, individually and
as a squad.
Sports produced other qualities
than competition; it
developed
leadership, character, and
provided motivation for the
student body.
Pride dominated the athletic
scene at Murrah; and
whether the contest was won
or lost,
the participants and the fans
keenly felt and projected the
image that
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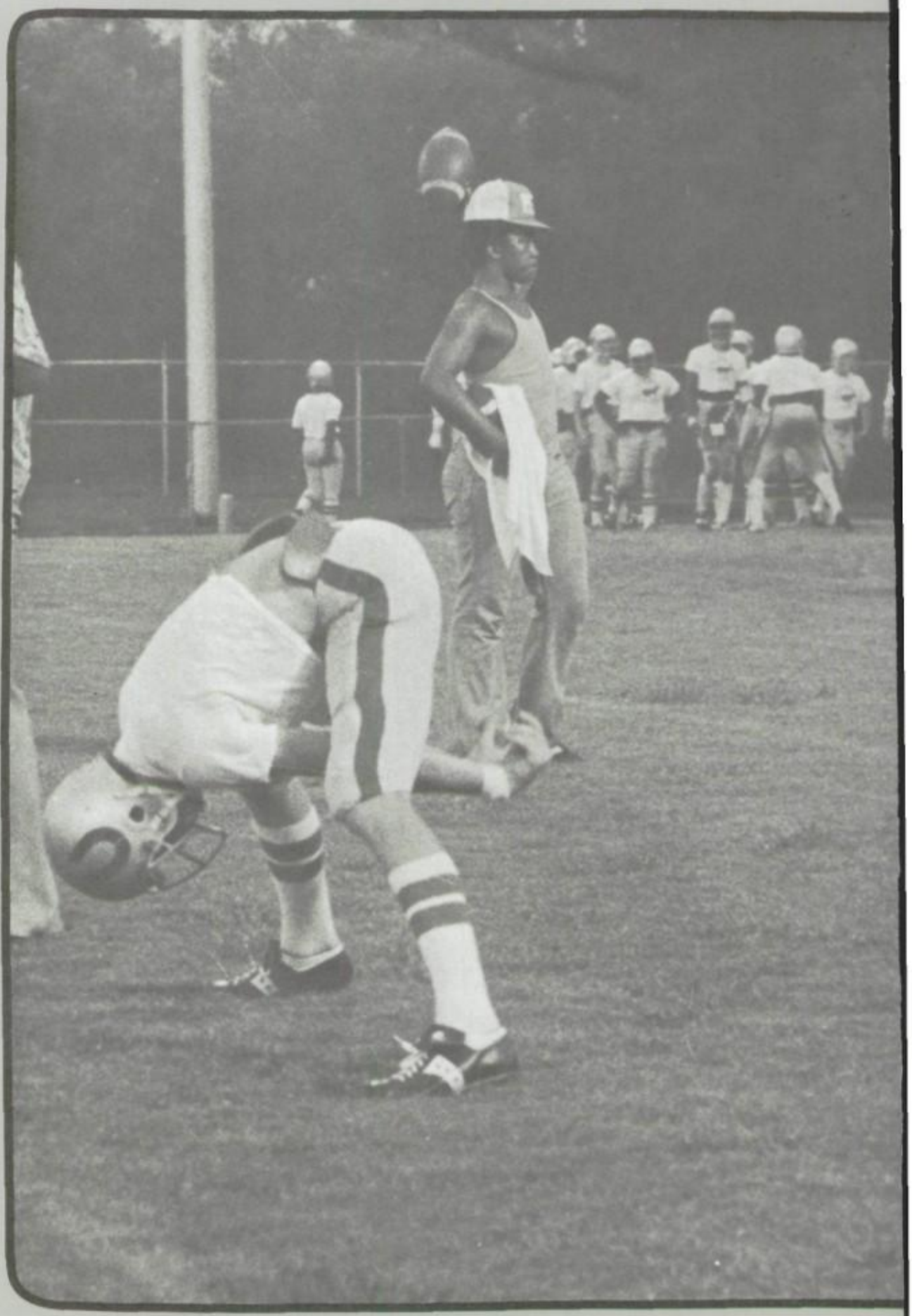
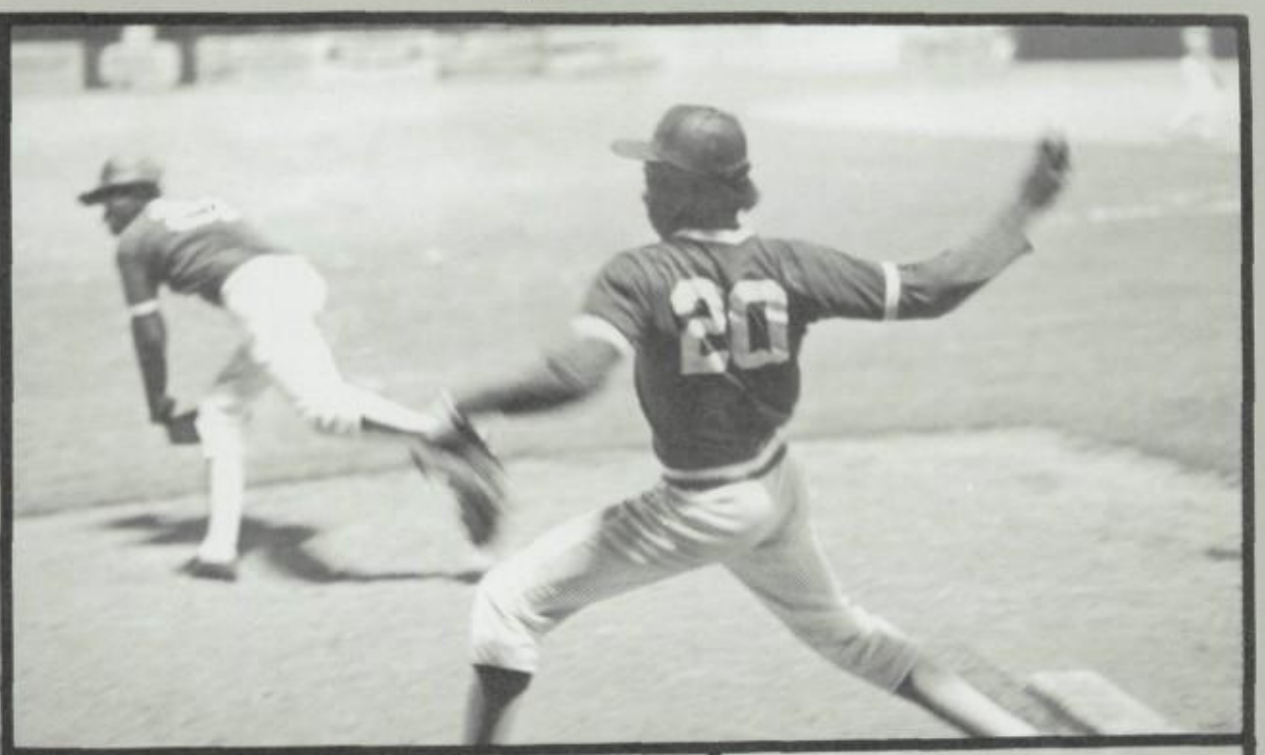


Bombs away. Eddie Elward practices long snaps during pre-game warmup.

Sports



Bull's Eye. Pitcher John Brown *(TOP)* fires a few fast balls.

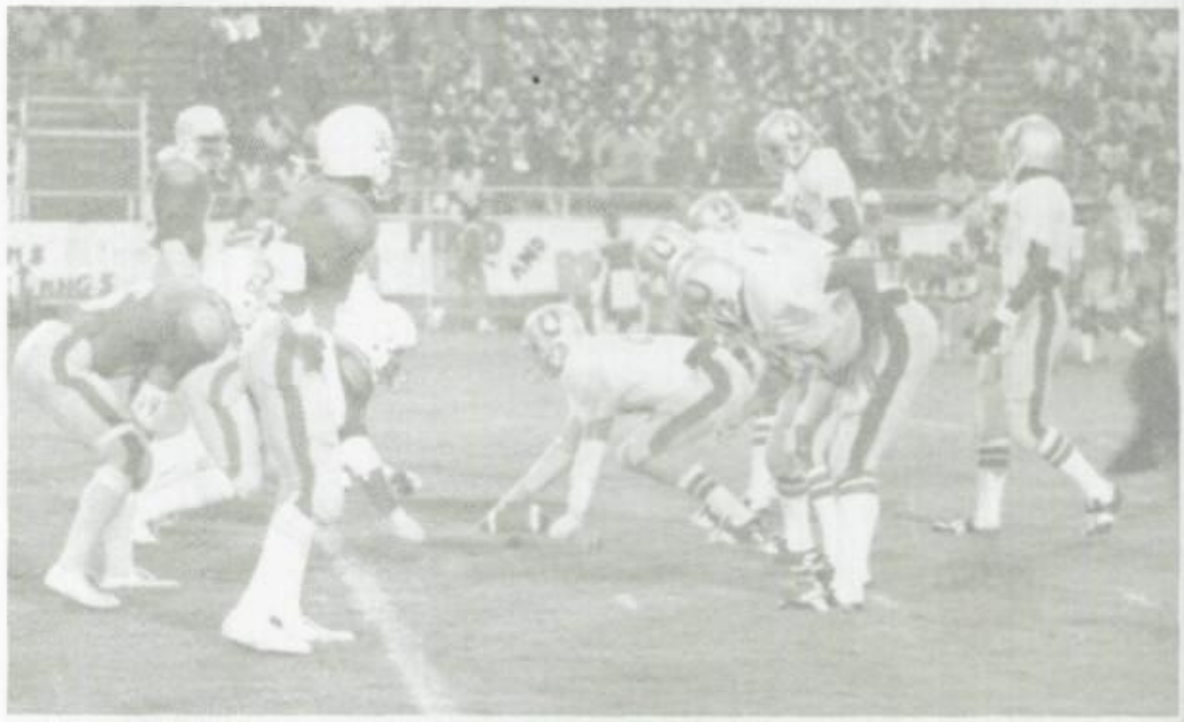
Dump de Dump! Donnell Allen soars high above the crowd for a dunk. *(BOTTOM LEFT)*

Get Set. Soccer standout Vichai Ampaipitakwong prepares for a kick. *(MIDDLE RIGHT.)*

No, come back. Softball pitcher Veronica Harrison delivers another pitch. *(BOTTOM RIGHT)*

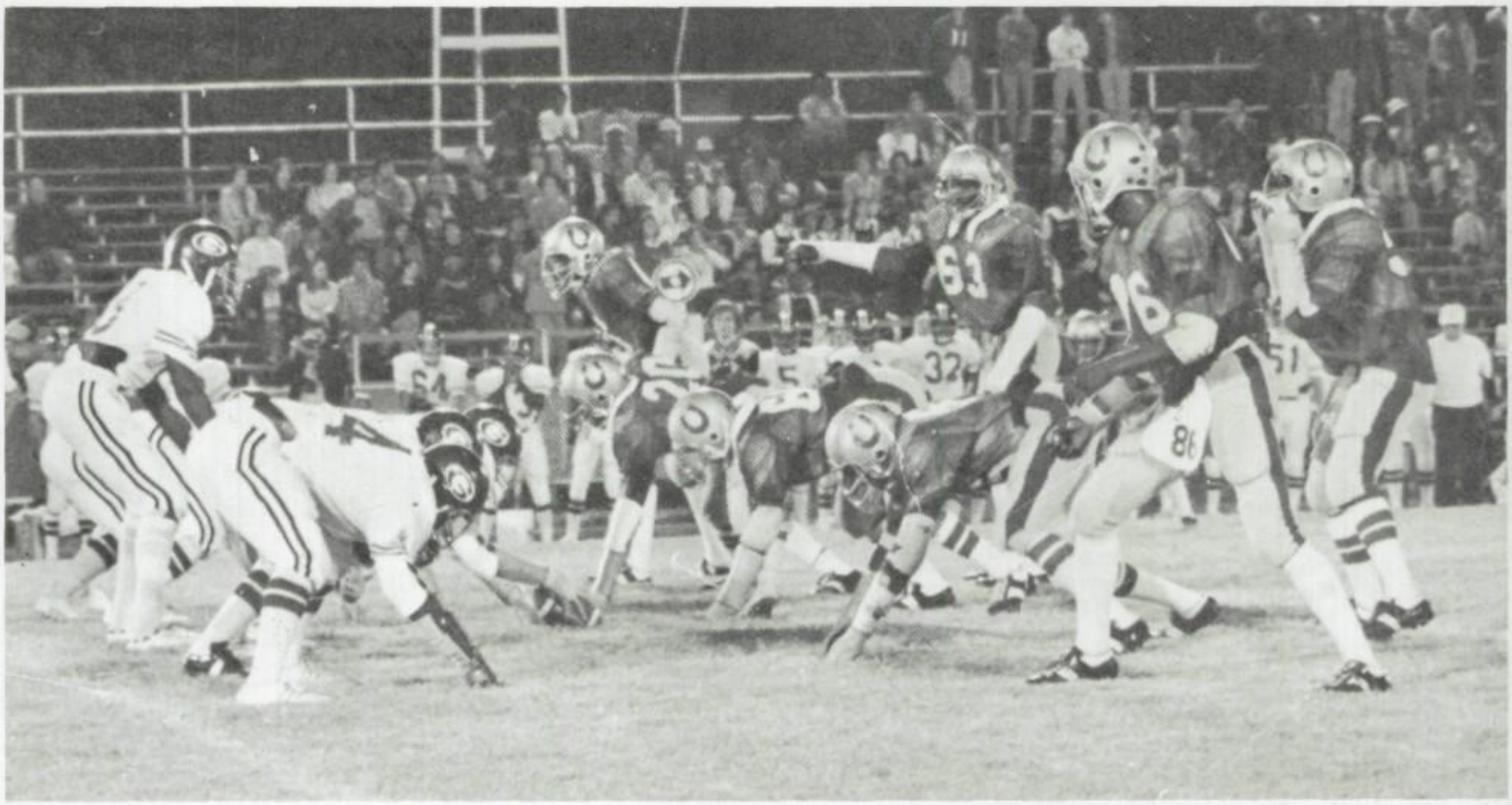
Football: Lee's Legions

The 1978 Murrah football team discovered that an oblong pigskin does not always bounce true. With many returning lettermen from the previous year's championship club, hopes were bright and optimism abounded. Coach Freddie Lee seemed to be in command of a talent-laden squad that was favored to retain its Capital Zone crown. Summer training, which focused on weight-lifting and physical conditioning, aroused within the squad an enthusiasm that was heightened by the opening victory over Provine, 5-0.



Settin' 'em down. Senior QB Bernard Lucas checks Provine's defensive alignment.

Barking orders. Middle linebacker Dale Howard relays defensive instructions to team members on the field.



They feel like busting loose! The Mustang footballers break through their first crash sheet of the season against Provine.

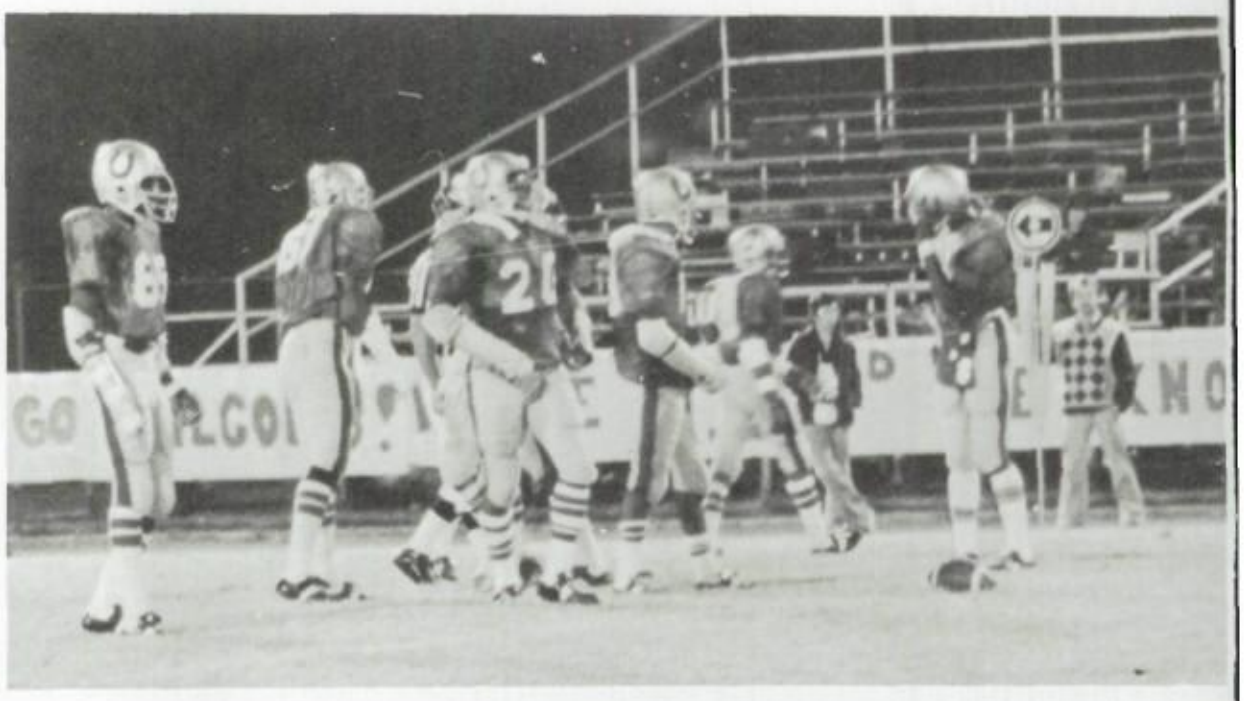
Discussing a problem. Defensive coordinator Doug Clanton talks defense with Bruce McField. *(BELOW LEFT)*

Pacing the sideline, Head Coach Freddie Lee signals for a defensive set.

Where are the Mustangs? The football team stands posed behind the crash sheet while defensive starters are introduced.

However, the subsequent contest introduced defeat, as Greenville topped the Mustangs 19-6. An offensive explosion followed that game when fullback Marvin Watson raced for three touchdowns and led the Ponies to a 26-0 rout of the Lanier Bulldogs. The first road trip was unsuccessful, for the team was ambushed by Moss Point 21-0.

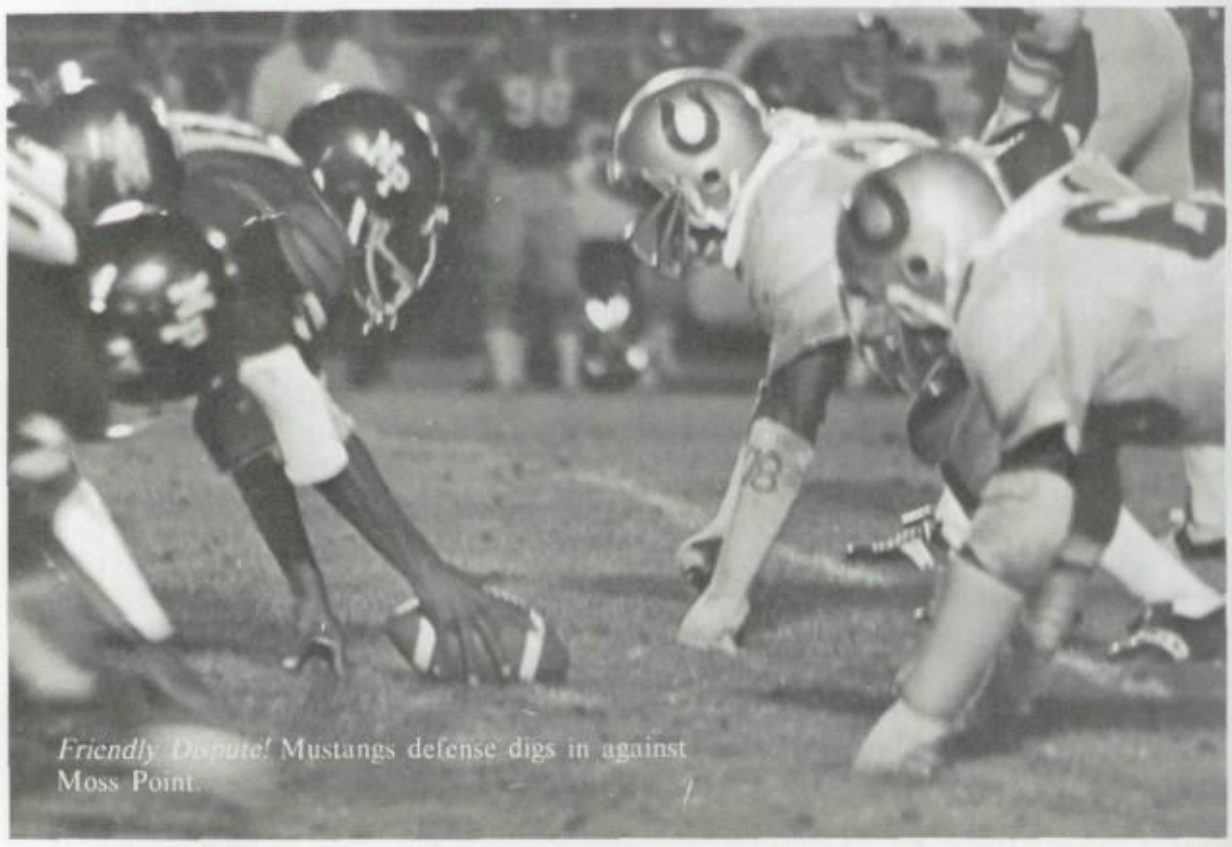
Quarterback Bernard Lucas took control in the fifth contest of the season as he tallied three touchdowns in a 19-7 conquest of the Wingfield Falcons. With the confidence of an eight-game Capital Zone winning streak, the Stangs invaded the den of the Jim Hill Tigers. It was a mistake; the chain was broken abruptly by a last-second field goal and the Tigers' 3-0 victory.



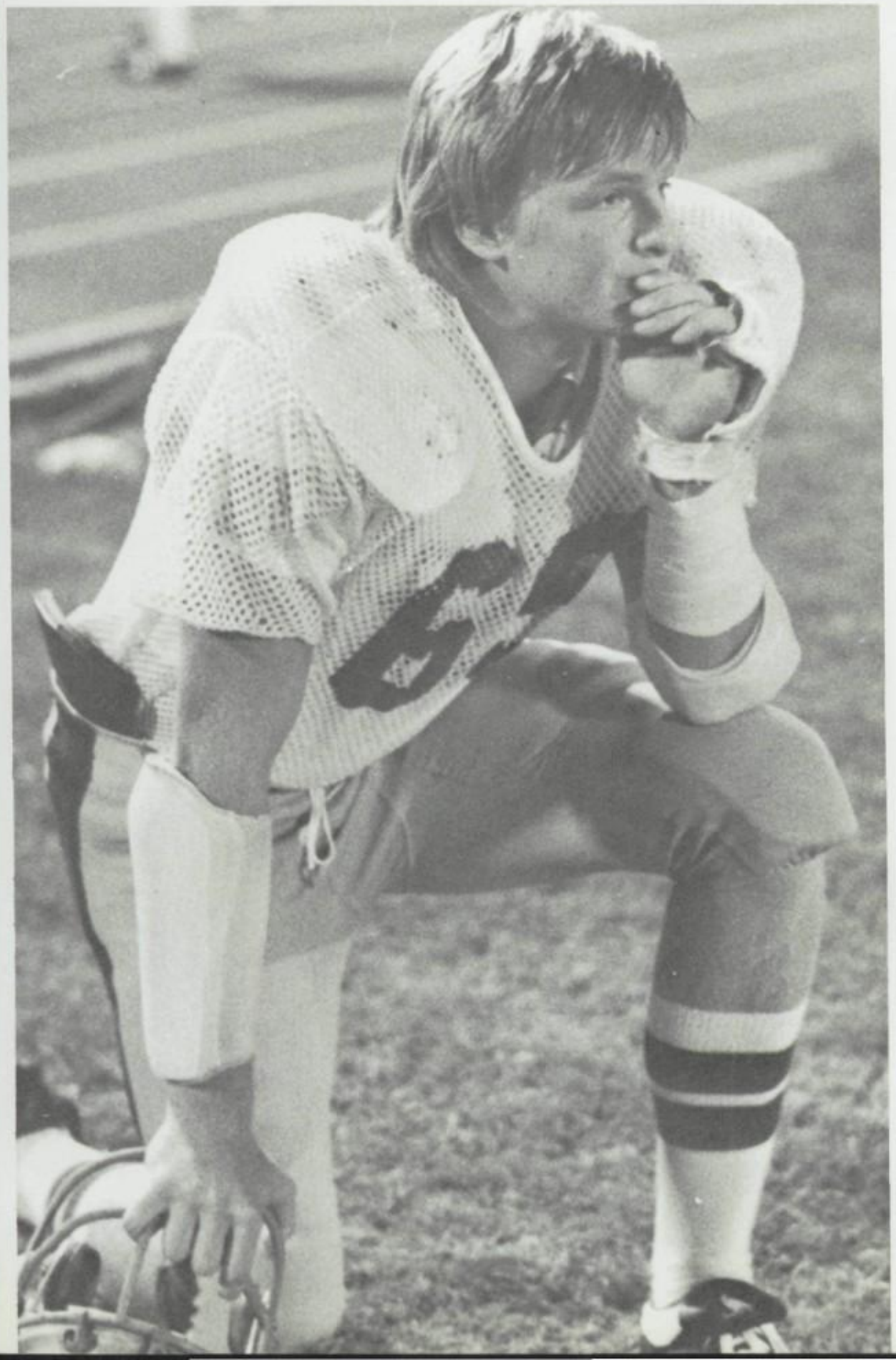
God Save the Queen. The Murrah defense looks for someone to intimidate.

A sweep for glory. Robert Collins runs into unfriendly numbers against Lanier.

Studying the game. Bernard Lucas hopes for a chance to play.



Friendly Dispute! Mustangs defense digs in against Moss Point.



Troubled observers — Coaches Lee and Smith aren't sure they like what they see on the football field.

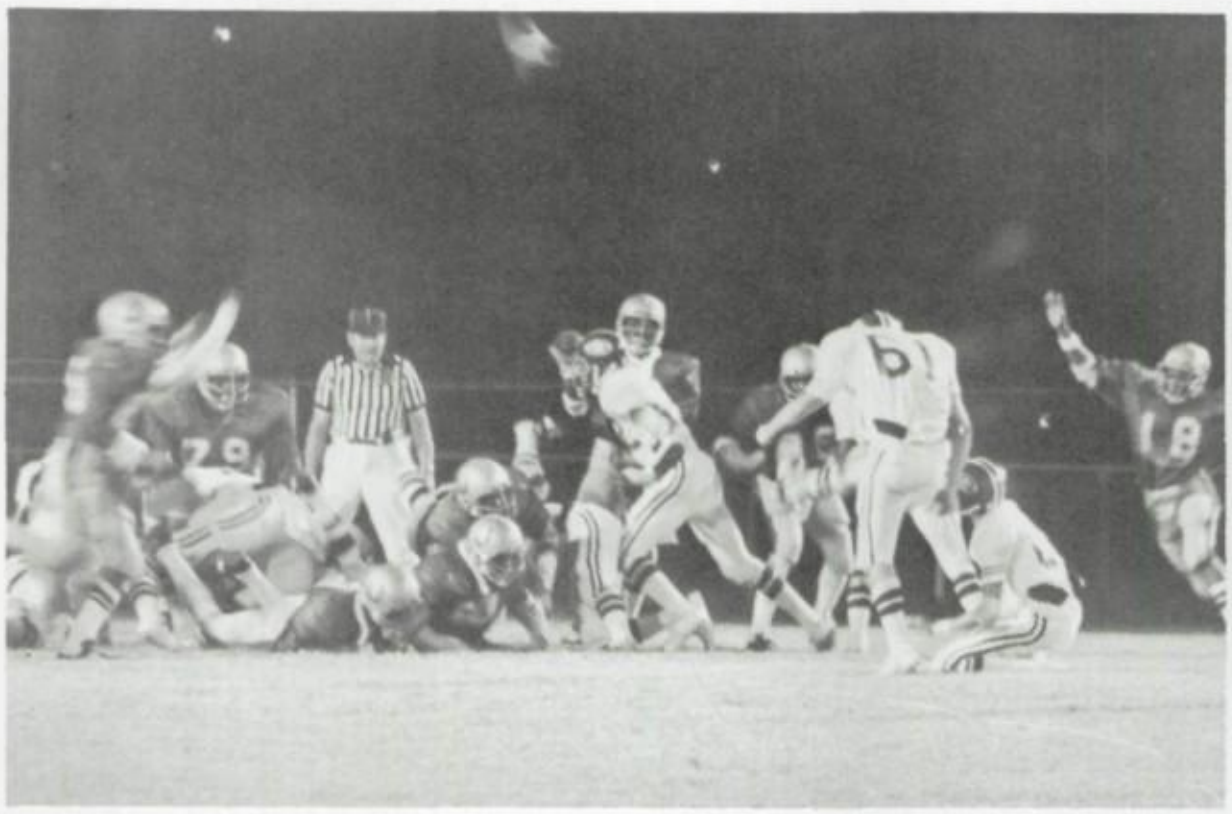
Mother, may I? Center Scott Rawlings anticipates the offensive team's return to the field.

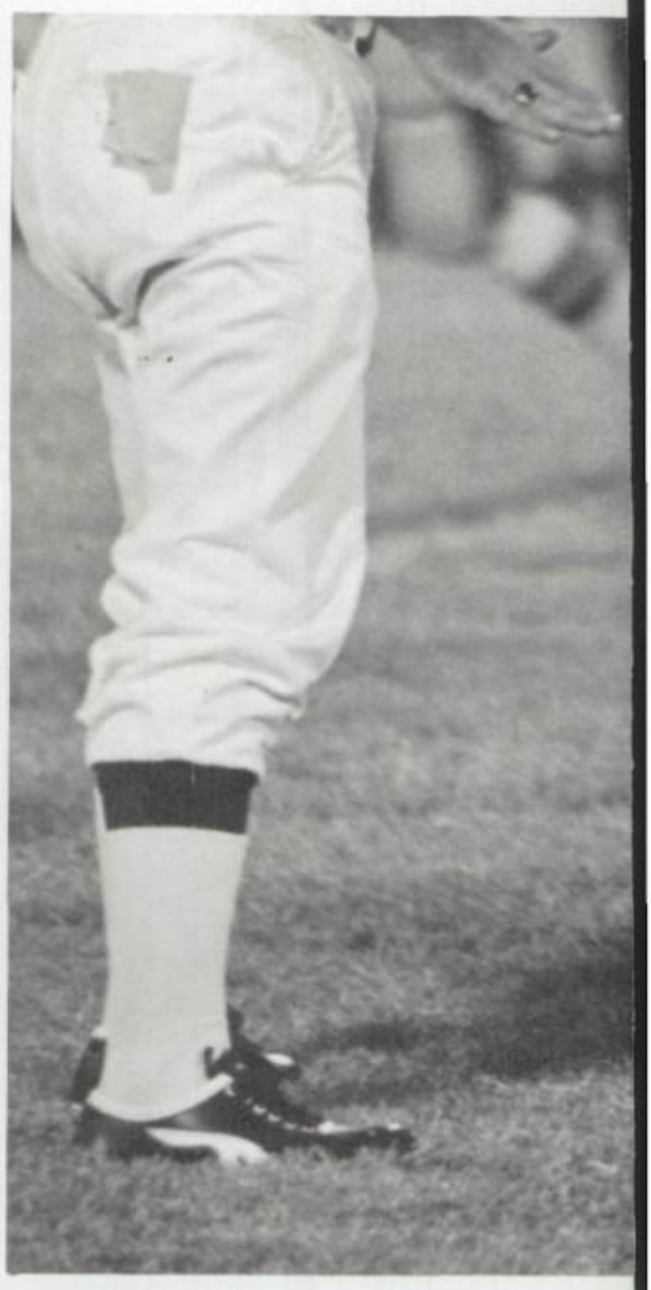
Stop the train! Bernard Lucas, *(ABOVE LEFT)* Mustang quarterback, asks that the referee end "this infernal routing" with a time-out.

Gridiron and Glory

A Run For Daylight

Trying the point. Greenwood place kicker gets one past the Mustangs' forward wall.



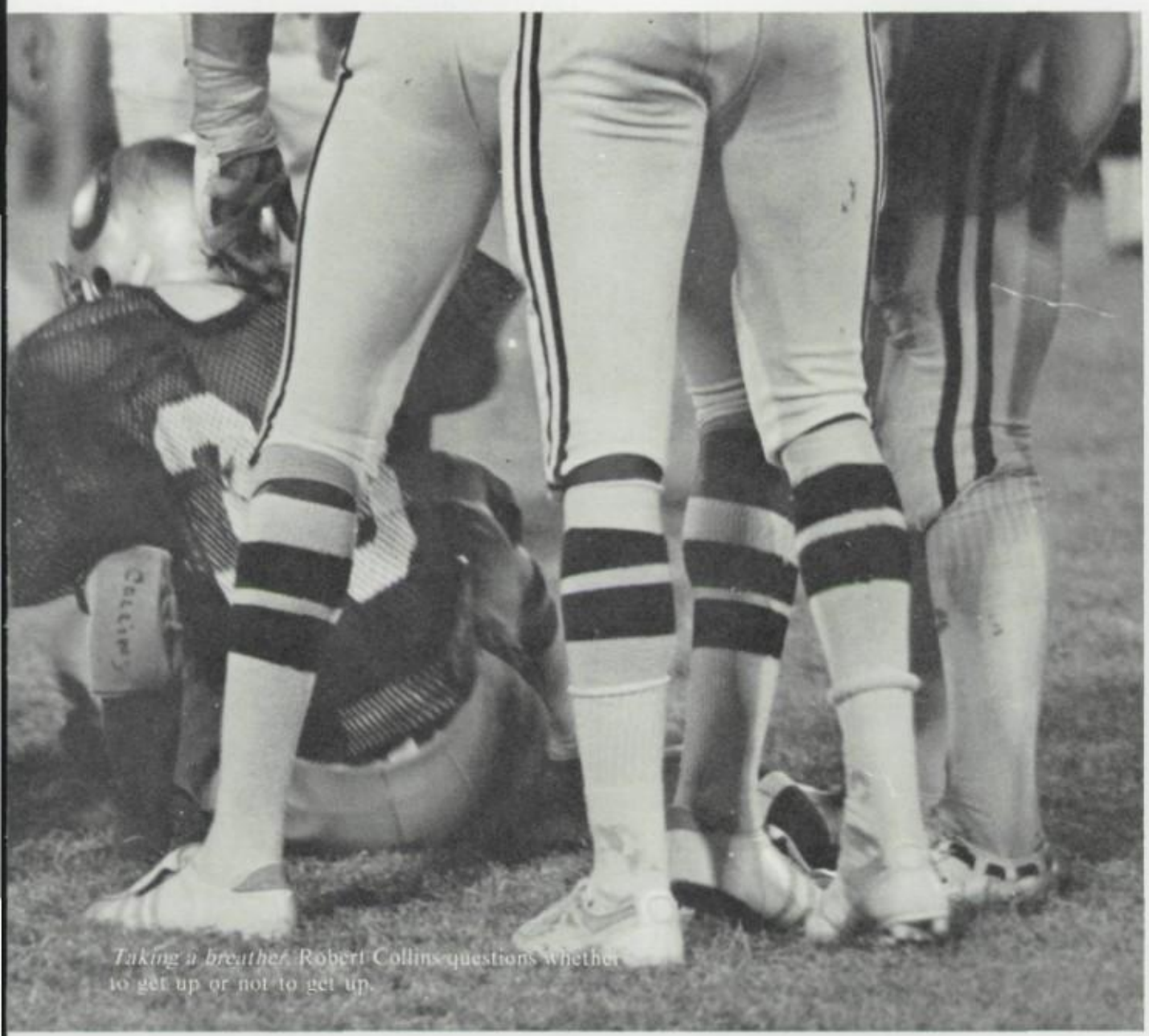


Homecoming followed; the Bulldogs of Greenwood invaded. The Mustangs were led by defensive stalwarts Dale Howard and Ronald Cooper, who each scooped up a loose ball and galloped for a touchdown. The victory was preserved in a thrilling overtime by an interception that held the score to 20-14. A 13-7 win at Forest Hill followed as Hosie Williams returned an interception for a touchdown.

A second trip to the coast spelled defeat; a humiliating loss to the Biloxi Indians, 35-0. The final contest of the season, against rival Callaway, determined the city champion. Thus, a 10-7 loss to the Chargers relegated the Murrah squad to second place, and a final record of 5 wins and 5 losses.

A needed pit stop. Bruce McField limps off the field with assistance from Coaches Heidelberg and Smith after getting "his bell rung."

Challenge — The Mustang defense is ready to take on any opposition.



Taking a breather. Robert Collins questions whether to get up or not to get up.

First down, ten to go. The offensive line anticipates the snap.

The Pacer. Coach Lee *(TOP RIGHT)* anxiously awaits the outcome of overtime play.

After the fact. At game's end, the scoreboard *(RIGHT)* often disguises the victory.

Miss Carol Roulette, assisted by student teacher Miss Linda Cobb coached the Softball team to four victories in the 1978-79 season. When opposing Callaway, the girls played their best games. In the first contest, the team lost to the rival orange squad by a scant point. The outcome was reversed in the second encounter as the Mustangs arrived on top by one point in the final tally. Unfortunately, the team was plagued by a lack of unity and team work early in the season which resulted in some losses.

Galloping to first base. Betty Gipson attempts to beat out a hit.

Softball: Diamond Girls

Members of the Softball Team are: *(OPPOSITE PAGE — FRONT ROW)* Gloria Lewis, Betty Gibson, Evelyn Hatchett, Deborah Hatchett, Cynthia Robinson, *(SECOND ROW)* Juli Jochimsen, Veronica Harrison, Vernada Davis, *(THIRD ROW)* Coach Carol Roulette, Fransha Young, Glenda Johnson, Tamora McDowell, Laura Williams, Jacqueline Bolls.

Batter up. Connecting with an opposing delivery is Glenda Johnson's main concern.

"Li'l Bit." Evelyn Hatchett makes a break for home plate.

Congratulations. Cookie Bolls' teammates appreciate her batting ability.

Basket-ball: The Pony Express

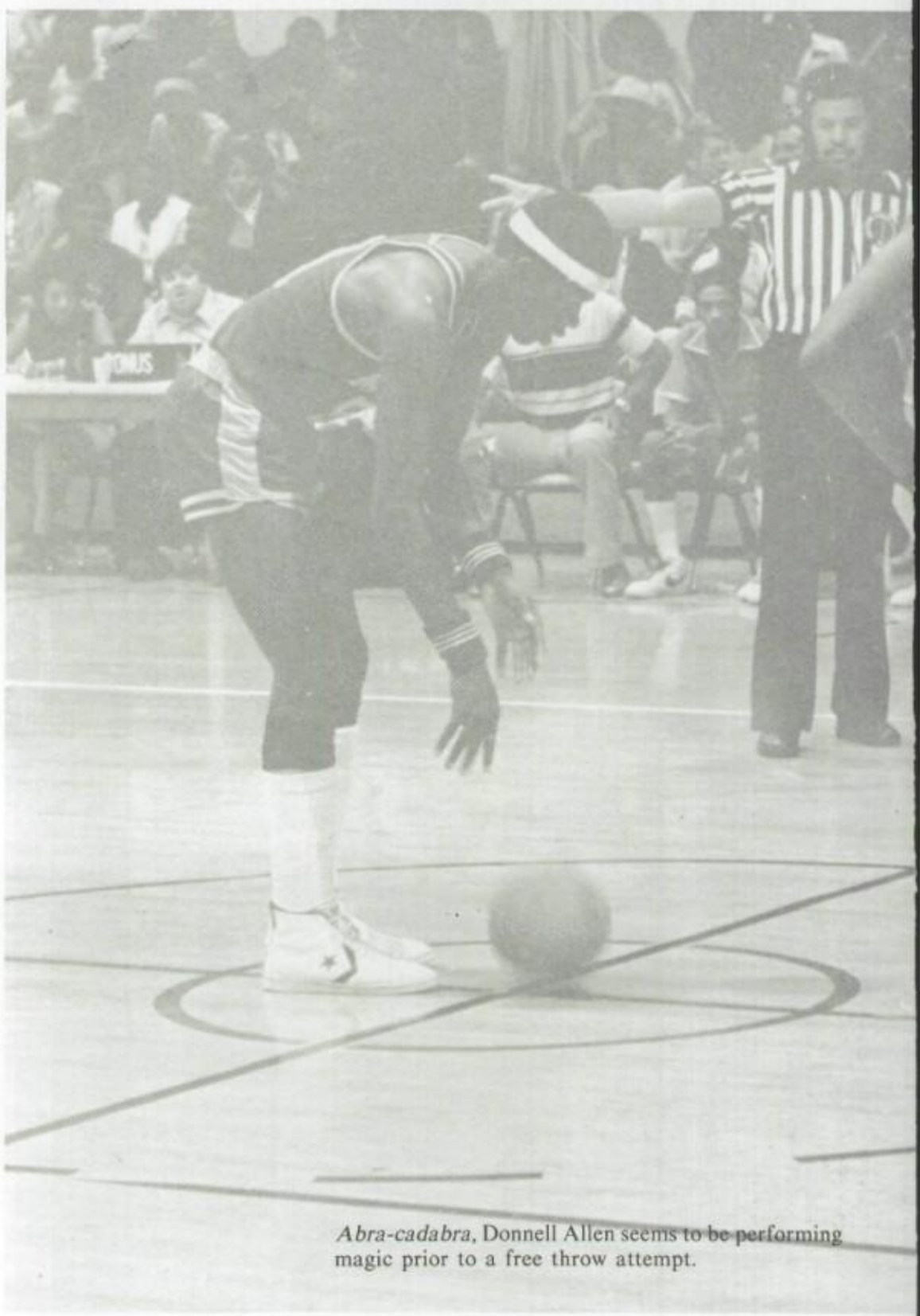
All the way to State! For only the second time in the history of Murrah High School the Mustange basketball team, "The Pony Express," advanced as far as the state championships in the Mississippi Coliseum. The path to such a destiny was rocky.

The season opened with many uncertainties. Coach Orsmond Jordan, who had compiled a 139-51 record in his six previous seasons at Murrah, lost all six guards from last year's team. Youth was yet another factor as four of the starting five were underclassmen with 6'3" Jack Lewis being the only senior.

Questions were answered early as the Mustangs opened the schedule November 13 with a win over Port Gibson. The season did not end for another three and one-half months until a loss in the state tourney. After an early season overtime victory over rival Callaway the Pony Express seemed to be in a commanding role for the city title. The Mustangs, meanwhile, captured the Warren Central Tournament Championship, and second place in the Jackson State Tip-Off Tournament.

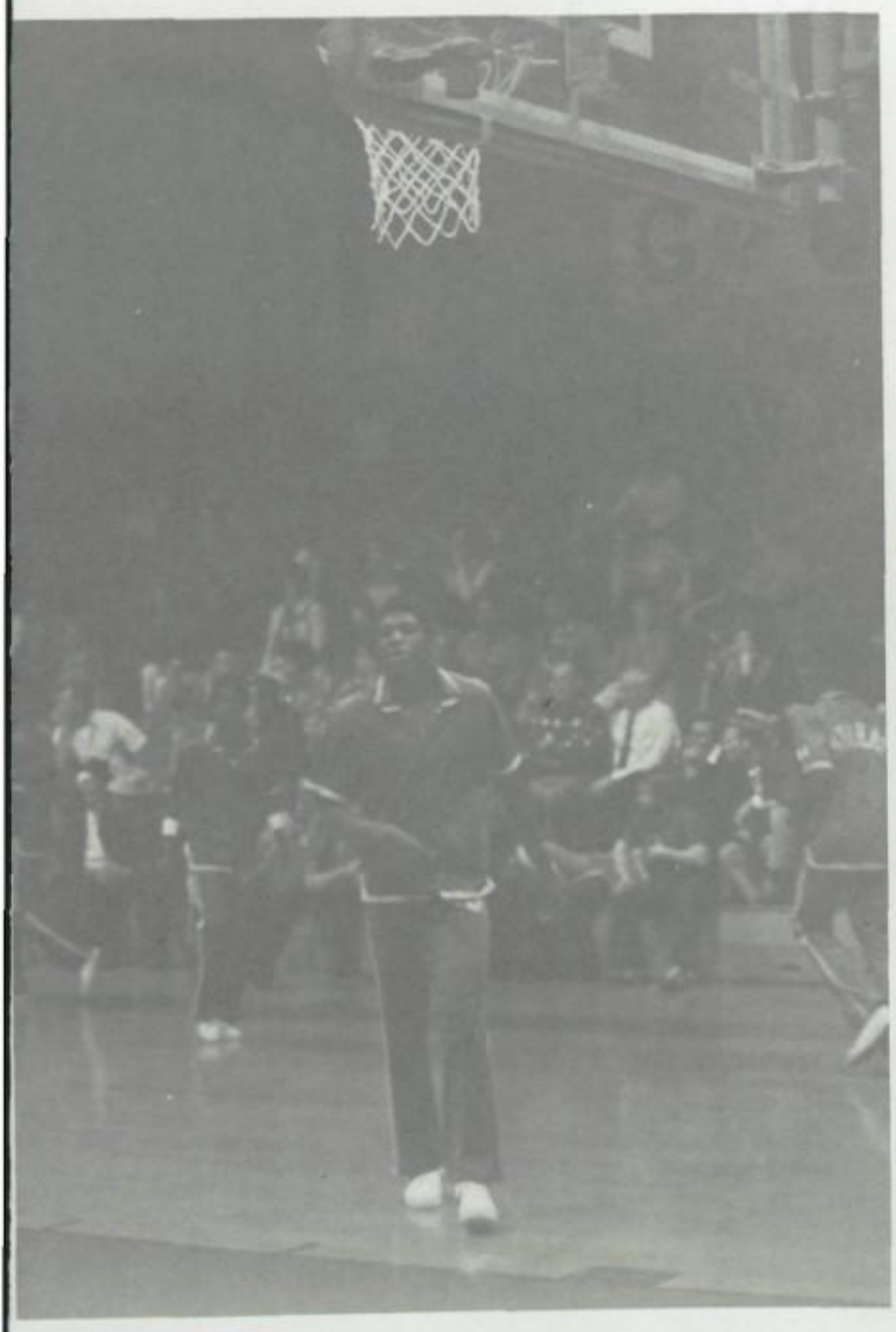
As the season progressed a mold developed. The team began to perform as a unit. Yet their play remained unpredictable. A smashing defeat of Lanier was followed by a crushing loss to Jim Hill in the coliseum. The Mustangs galloped to the finals of the Hinds County Tournament, a championship they had captured the four previous years, only to be humiliated once again by Jim Hill.

"Go get 'em boys," Coach Orsmond Jordan and Assistant Charles Dillon give instructions during a time-out. (TOP)



Abra-cadabra, Donnell Allen seems to be performing magic prior to a free throw attempt.

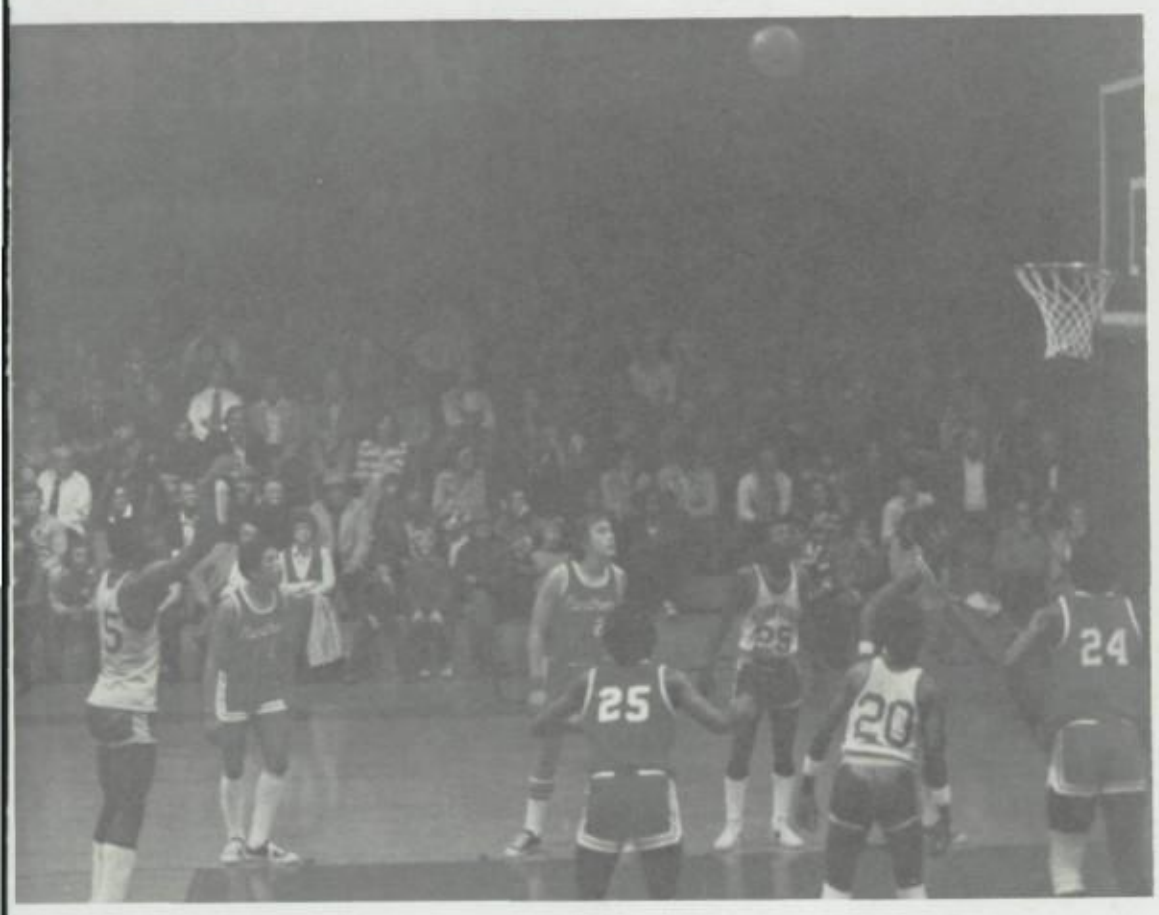
Hang loose. Donnell Allen loosens up during pre-game warm-ups.



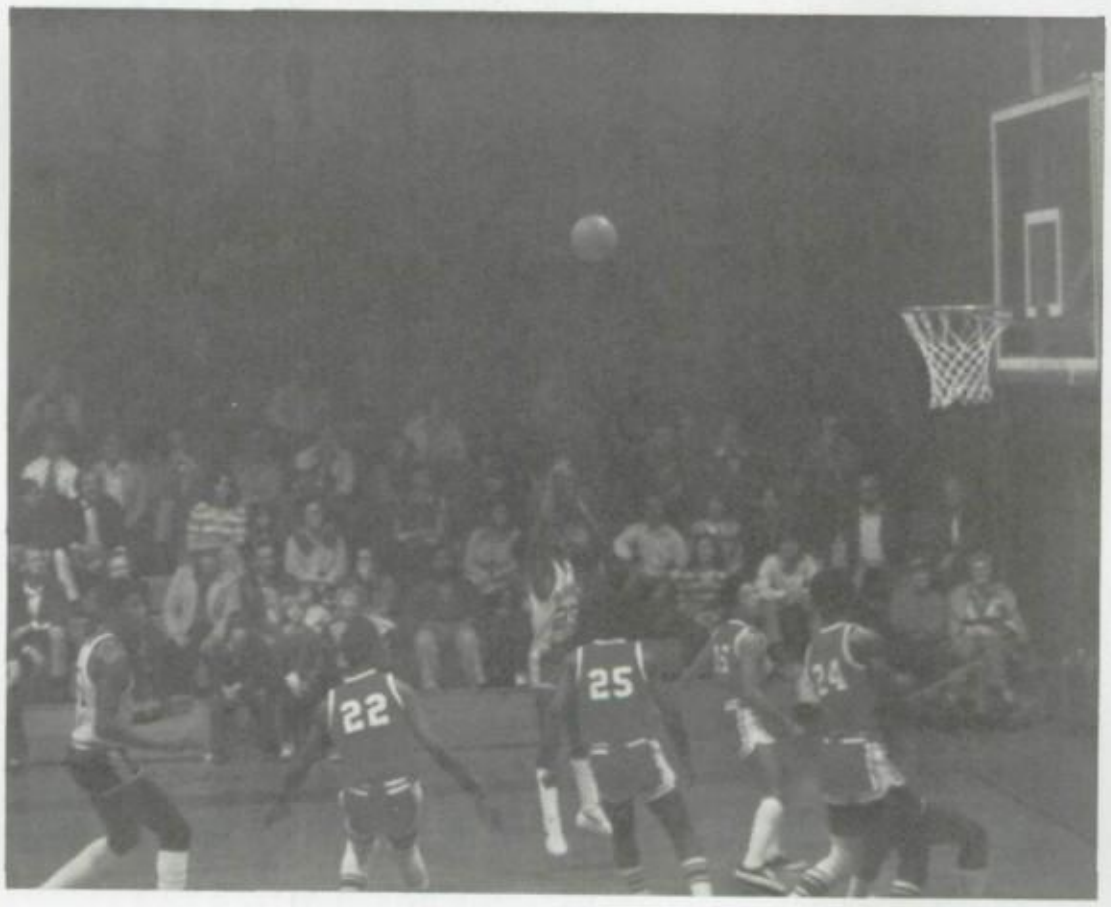
Destination — Goal. Darryl Johnson attempts a high arching free-throw. *(BOTTOM LEFT)*

Swat. A Jim Hill player *(BOTTOM RIGHT)* blocks an attempted Mustang shot.

Jump Ball. Teammates encircle midcourt as Darryl Johnson jumps for the tip.



Mustang Basketball Team members are: Michael Smith, Reggie Ratcliffe, managers; Louis Gilbert, Tony Crump, Randy McGrone, Carneal Chambliss, Lonnie Allen, Donnell Allen, Jack Lewis, Darryl Johnson, Sylvester Pickens, Alan Blackman, Oscar Brookins, Anthony McNutt, Reggie Blackman and Paul Thompson, managers.



On your mark; Louis Gilbert fires up a jump shot as remaining team members rush to their position.

Keep away. Jack Lewis and Donnell Allen appear to be playing a game with an opponent.

Come on down! Managers Reggie Blackman, Michael Smith, Paul Thompson, and Reggie Ratcliffe seem to lack pregame excitement.

All the Way to State

A regular season victory over Forest Hill clinched the city championship and left the Mustangs with a 5-1 city slate after another one point loss to the Tigers of Jim Hill. An opening round loss to Lanier in the Capital Zone tourney seemed to foreshadow a short post-season life for the Blue and Silver roundballers but such was not the case.

The Mustangs survived Sub-district play only to oppose Big Eight Champion Vicksburg in the opening round. After upsetting the Gators, and yet another victory over Callaway, the Mustangs stampeded past Jim Hill for the District Six AA Championship. The journey to the South State Finals in Brookhaven saw victories over Pascagoula and Jefferson County, setting the stage for the trip to the overall finals in the Mississippi Coliseum. An opening round loss to Horn Lake ended the Murrah basketball season with a 26-9 record.

Many players received recognition for their efforts on various all-tournament teams, 6'7" Donnell Allen, junior standout, being the most decorated. Donnell led all Mustangs with 25.7 points and 16 rebounds per game while teammates Darryl Johnson and Jack Lewis contributed 14 and 11 each.

A day at the races. Donnell Allen races for hoop with the goods in hand.

Hmmm. Coach Orsmond Jordan *(TOP RIGHT)* ponders strategy prior to a game.

The Dribbling Ladies

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Such could have easily been the motto of Coach Louis "Skin" Boetler and the 1978-79 Lady Mustang basketball team. The remains of the previous year's city championship club were few and thus the burden of leading the girls fell squarely on the shoulders of 5'2" guard Sandra Shelton.

Though the girls were successful in only two of twenty-one contests, the tiny playmaker Shelton proved it is the quality not the quantity that matters. Sandra averaged 17.5 points a game while leading the team. A young prospect emerged during the season in the person of Cathy Husband. Cathy contributed 12.5 points and 14 rebounds per outing. These two coupled proved to be the bulk of the offensive output.

The thrill of the two victories was greatly exaggerated because of their rarity but each proved a point. The initial win over rival Callaway gave the team bragging rights while the final victory over Port Gibson came late in the year against a team that had defeated them earlier, thus a sense of accomplishment was gained.

Though not entirely successful, the girls' basketball team still retained the major element in Murrah Athletics — Pride.

Members of the Lady Mustangs are: *(FRONT ROW)* Kim Smith, Rose Cavett, Jackie Braddy, Sandra Shelton, Rhonda Kyles, Kathleen Funchess, Brenda Minor, *(SECOND ROW)* Cathy Husband, Joyce McLaurin, Jewelene Payton, Betty Gibson, Glenda Johnson, Coach Louis "Skin" Boteler, *(THIRD ROW)* Beatrice Helm, Eliza Patrick, Selika Sweet, Mary Cavett, and Stephen Lee.

Rebound!. Joyce McLaurin and Eliza Patrick struggle to recover the ball from city rival Jim Hill. *(TOP RIGHT)*

No immediate solution —Coach Boteler ponders the woes of his team.

Brief Counsel. A team meeting is on the agenda during a time-out for the Lady Mustangs and Coach "Skin" Boteler. *(BOTTOM RIGHT)*

Sharpshooter. Sandra Shelton grimaces after failing at a free throw attempt.

Sink it! Joyce McLaurin launches a flight toward the ball as Sandra Shelton, Eliza Patrick, and Cathy Husband, lend a watchful eye.

Soccer: A Kick in the grass

What is pressure? To Ron Dill, it's having to face five opponents, each of them trying to kick a soccer ball past him into the goal. Ron, a first-year player, stood up to this pressure twice during the season when a game was tied at the end of regulation play during two overtime periods. His courage was characteristic of the whole team as the Mustangs, with a first-year coach, overcame many obstacles to finish the season with eight wins, three losses, and the title of City Champs. Third in the league, their only losses were at the hands (and feet) of Warren Central of Vicksburg, and St. Joe. Their semi-final opponent was St. Joe, who had beaten them 3-0 in regular season play. At the end of regulation time, the game was tied at 4-4 and went into overtime. Vichai Ampaipitakwong scored two goals to clinch the win, and set two league records. He had scored six goals in one game and twenty goals in the season.

"I can't get to it first!" David Richards puts out extra effort hustling after a loose ball.

Soccer Team members are: *(STANDING)* Coach Howard Peavie, Maud Deles Gober, water girl; Leo Love, Sara Garrott, manager; Danny Blumenthal, John Ratliff, Lacey Morow, Rob Weaver, Ron Dill, Grant Nooe, Toni Hourani, Eddy Waller, Jeff Ratliff, Marvin Watson, Bao Nguyen, *(KNEELING)* Steve Blum, Gary Silberman, Alton Lum, Michael Jabaley, William Tate, Mac McNease, Eric Watson, and David Richards. Not pictured are: Trace Alston, Vichai Ampaipitakwong, Wes Brown, and Mary Powel Jabaley, water girl.

"Just one more tap and I'll be at the goal!" Trace Alston concentrates on his dribbling.

Stride with pride! Mustang Leo Love brings the ball down the field to set up another play.

SCORES

MURRAH	OPPONENT	
7	Forest Hill	1
3	Provine	1
0	Warren Central	4
2	Wingfield	1
3	Jim Hill	1
3	Vicksburg	0
4	Callaway	0
0	St. Joe	3
3	St. Andrews	1
	PLAYOFFS	
6	St. Joe	5
7	Warren Central	8

Talking Feet

The final game was played against defending champion Warren Central. Although Murrah led 3-2, 30 seconds before the end of the game, Warren Central scored again to send the game into overtime. At 4-4, it was time for sudden death penalty kicks, and Warren Central scored on four of its five opportunities, winning the game and the tournament, 8-7. Although disappointed to be in second place, the soccer team had succeeded to a degree far above that of any other team in Murrah's five-year soccer history.

"Mom's gonna have a duck!" Michael Jabaley, John Ratliff, and Leo Love hope that *Tide* gets out the dirt that soccer players get into.

"Leo, it hurts right here when I run," Trace Alston and Leo Love demonstrate the true spirit of teamwork.

Unidentified flying object. But if it "flies like a bird," it's got to be Bao Nguyen.

"Look out goalie, here it comes!" Vichai Ampaipitakwong, star forward, sets up another shot.

Tip-toe through the crabgrass. Toni Hourani sneaks up on the ball in a home game.

Coffee, tea, or gatorade? Marvin Watson and Michael Jabaley await half-time refreshment from water girl Mary Powel Jabaley.

Two heads are better than one, or so it seemed to be for the 1978 Murrah Tennis team and Coach Carol Roulette. Boys doubles team, Jay Wilson and Bobby Nevins, blazed a fiery path on their way to the championship of the Capital Divison of the Big Eight, District 6 AA, and a trip to the semifinals of the over-all state finals. Each of the two possessed excellent skill at singles but decided a combination would form a dynamic duo that was unstoppable.

As for the team on the whole, a final record of six wins and three loses proved successful, but a perfect slate was never possible as all losses were by a single point. Coach Roulette, a seven-year veteran of the Murrah net scene, has had much more talent on other squads but in this case proved her coaching abilities in her excellent guidance of the team throughout the year.

Splat! Stephen Lee *(BELOW LEFT)* appears to be swatting flies while engaged in a point.

On guard! Keith Child poses for a duel as he returns a serve.

Harry, Curly, and . . . Bobby Nevins and Jay Wilson accept awards from Tennis Coach Carol Roulette.

Tennis: A Real Racquet

Members of the tennis team are:
(FRONT ROW) Frances Brown, Robin McKinley, Regina Green, Sara Henderson, Robin Magruder, Sara Marks, Angela Clark, Crystal Tillman;

(SECOND ROW) Tom Stevens, Jack Harper, Bobby Nevins, Daniel Holmes, Marvin Jenkins, Wes Brown, Oscar Brookins, Anthony McNutt, Coach Carol Roulette.

Spring Sports: Volleys, Clubs, & Feet

Members of the Golf Team are: *(FRONT ROW)* Victor Evege, Van Jefferson, *(SECOND ROW)* Louis James, Ricky Williams, Coach Boteler, Winfred Essix, and Michael Wells.

With an inexperienced squad of 26 girls, Ms. Anna Woodson directed the 1978 Volleyball team to an eight-win, two-loss season while capturing the North Division Championship. Physical domination seemed to be the major ingredient in victory. The team developed a sense of intimidation over opponents as they spiked their way to victory. Hustling extended almost to the point of lack of physical safety as many times the girls would dive toward the floor in an effort to save the point. The squad definitely proved its abilities.

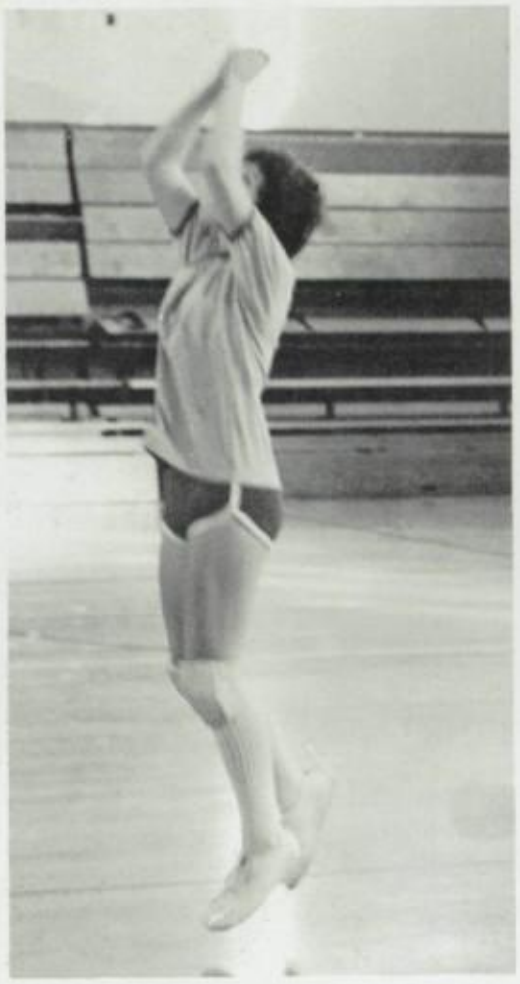
Capital Big Eight Medalist Ricky William and Coach Louis "Skin" Boteler guided the Mustang golfers to three first place and two second place finishes through a nine match slate. Though a young team, the five-man squad more than held its own during the year's tournaments.

Strength runs in numbers proved to be the case for Coach Jim Smith in 1978. The Girls' Track Team, with a total of 20 girls, ran, jumped, threw, and hurdled their way to numerous victories, the most prominent being in the Brookhaven Invitational.

Members of the Volleyball Team are: *(FRONT ROW)* Eliza Shearry, Sylvia Harris, Kim Smith, *(SECOND ROW)* Vicky Burns, Glor Lewis, Dorothy Ellis, Vernada Davis, Cynthia Robinson, Cynthia Darby, Juli Jochimsen, *(THIRD ROW)* John Shourts, manager; Kathy Funches, Gwen Collins, Benita Johnson, Vanessa O'Banner, Coach Anna Woodson, Sybil Gatlin, Jackie Bolls, Bobbette Haggard, Gwen Walker, and Jimmy Pickering, manager.

Cinderella? Sherlene Kyles, Sylvia Harris, Gwen Walker, and Eliza Shearry prepare for practice.

Force Ten from Murrah. Juli Jochimsen's volleyball practices often require long hours after school.



Members of the Girls Track Team are: *(FRONT ROW)* Alna O'Banner, Barbara Simmons, Sherlene Kyles, Verna Jackson, Annie Smith, Evelyn Hatchett, Beverly McCarty, Linda Chase, Veronica Harrison, *(SECOND ROW)* Pam Tillman, Sue Johnson, Glenda Johnson, *(THIRD ROW)* Debbie Ford, Glenda Milton, Johnnie Gibson, Orlander Moore, Kathy Hughes, Betty Gibson, Stormmie Minniefield, and Gail Lipsey.

Cross-country conditioning. Getting himself in shape, Charles Harris jogs briskly across the campus.

Baseball: Base on Balls

Inexperience proved to play a leading role in the fate of the 1978 Murrah Baseball Team. The lack of players having experienced true game competition seemed to underscore all of the team's problems. Coach Doug Clanton and Assistant Charles Dillon directed the squad to a 4-15 record while enduring a rebuilding season.

One bright light, in the person of Curtis Ford, shone constantly throughout the year for the Mustangs. Ford, a senior and three-year starter, became a mainstay at third base for the Stangs. His exceptional hitting and fielding provided incentive for the young Poines throughout the year. Ford's talent earned him such recognition as Murrah's Most Valuable Player, membership on numerous All-Star teams, and the opportunity to play college baseball.

Shape up! Coach Doug Clanton delivers advice to an inexperienced Mustang bench.

Pitch and Catch. Dwayne Wilson and Roger Winters *(ABOVE)* plan a game with an opposing hitter.

I can't stand here forever! Tensely anticipating the delivery is Leonard Braddy.

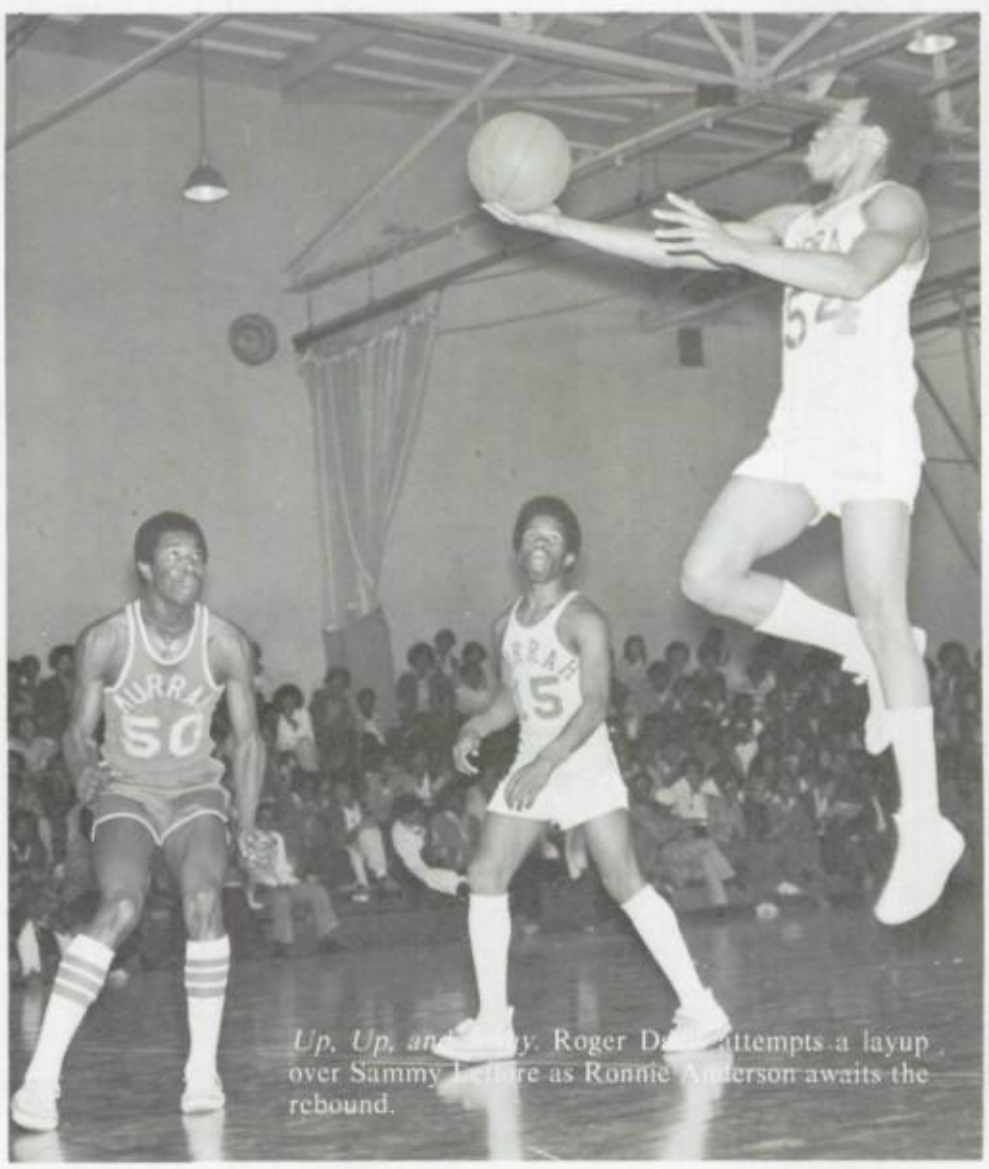
Fatigued veteran. Catcher Rogers Winters *(FAR LEFT)* strides back to the dugout for a brief rest.

Keeping a watchful eye. Tommy Sawyer *(LEFT)* guards first base against a steal.

Members of the Baseball Team are: (FRONT ROW) Michael Hatchett, James Shariff, Ronnie Andrrson, Johnnie Hatchett, Johnnie Proctor, Leonard Braddy, Robert Banyard, Sherick Davis; *(SECOND ROW)* Tracy Bell, Ron Dill, Keith Winstead, Lacey Hughes, Rogers Winters, Curtis Ford, Leo Cook; *(THIRD ROW)* Brian Cook, Coach Doug Clanton, Lee Johnson, Dwayne Wilson, Wardell Reed, Bernard Lucas, John Brown, Thomas Wells, and Asst. Coach Charles Dilliam.

Intra-murals: A Civil War

Everybody got a chance. At least that was the idea. The gym coaches allowed each class to form a team for certain sports. The activities varied from football to volleyball as competition between fellow students was still the focus of attention. Victory became much more than coming out ahead, it meant bragging rights. Of course the uniforms were never the same, and the referees were a little rusty but a win was still a win. The highlight of the intramural season came during basketball season as the championship game was played before the student body. Intramural was definitely a key aspect of the sporting life at Murrah for anyone could be a star — just so it was during gym class.



Up, Up, and Away. Roger D[illegible] attempts a layup over Sammy Le[illegible]re as Ronnie Anderson awaits the rebound.

"Circle the wagons, men!" — Antonio Gibson is surrounded by Michael Hatchett, Ronnie Anderson, and Moses Judge.

"*No, it's mine,*" Sammy Leflore grabs a rebound from Jeff Bumphis and Ronnie Anderson.

Winning Team: Members of the winning intramural basketball squad are: *(FRONT)* Eddie Coleman, Frank Burkhead, *(STANDING)* Antonio Gibson, Sammy Leflore, and Jeff Bumphis.

Personal Sports: R & R

The Metropolitan Opera Presents: Eddy Waller prepares to serve while vigorously exercising his vocal cords.

Running, playing tennis, and throwing a frisbee — those were just a few of the ways Mustangs filled their spare time throughout the year. There was a definite trend toward the more sporty extra-curricular activities. No longer did the team "sports" apply only to athletes. It became associated with a wide variety of people — young and old, teachers, and students.

MHS shared in many popular fads, including jogging. Runners came from near and far to run the "Murrah Mile," and students running laps around the school became a familiar sight. The Ross Barnett reservoir was a popular watering hole for Mustangs who enjoyed sailing, skiing, and swimming, night and day. The sports "bug" caught on quickly and became an integral part of student life. Physical fitness was definitely a goal attained by many Murrahites through personal enjoyment and participation.

Silver Streak. In her daily mile, Becky Hutchinson runs out her frustrations.

Gotcha! Lacey Morrow shows intense concentration while hitting a backhand.

Just a few more feet. Selika Sweet is determined to make her first mile.

Woodson's Angels. Cindy Crawley, Susan Levy, and Kandye Jones find jogging an easy way to escape gym class.

People are the persons belonging to a certain place, community, or class. It is people who lend character to their environment, and people who made MHS what it is — a place where those from different communities and cultures meet and mingle, blend, clash and co-exist.

Murrah encompassed many types; those who came to learn, those who came to socialize, and those who came merely to "congregate in the toilets."

These people, wherever they went, or whatever they accomplished, in their own way declared MHS is Still the One!

Where were you in '79? Shoulder to shoulder students creep along the downstairs thoroughfare during class change.

People

Foreigners get the munchies, too. Bao Nguyen helps stamp out the munchies at a soccer team party at Mr. Gatti's.

Perfecting the art. Watson Washington demonstrates the correct posture for skipping sixth period.

"Where do you belong?" Mrs. Smith adjusts her x-ray glasses in order to see through a faked cooridor pass.

Love that smile! Cowgirl Margaret Gibson displays the joy of rooting for the Mustangs.

The Other Side of the Desk

The Chief sets up an appointment for a parent conference while monitoring the weather radio.

Although the view from the other side of the desk was sometimes clouded with absenteeism, class-cutting, and smoking, Principal James Merritt voiced an optimistic note. "This school year has been a very positive and cooperative one," he said. "Teachers have been serious and it has been one of the better years Murrah has had with students and teachers." A tougher attendance policy and a more strictly enforced procedure concerning class-cutting kept more students in class. The school attendance policy limited pupils to nine absentees per term. If this number was exceeded, no grades were issued that term. A 'left-over' cut list channeled those who had not cleared the regular cut list directly to the principal's office. Due to this, the list was gradually reduced. With the aid of the PTSA, a special student smoking area was provided outside the building.

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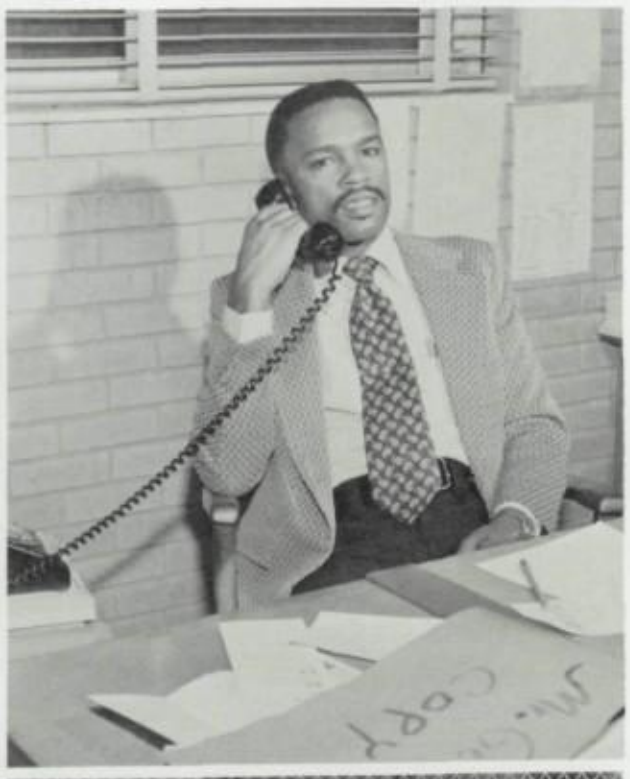

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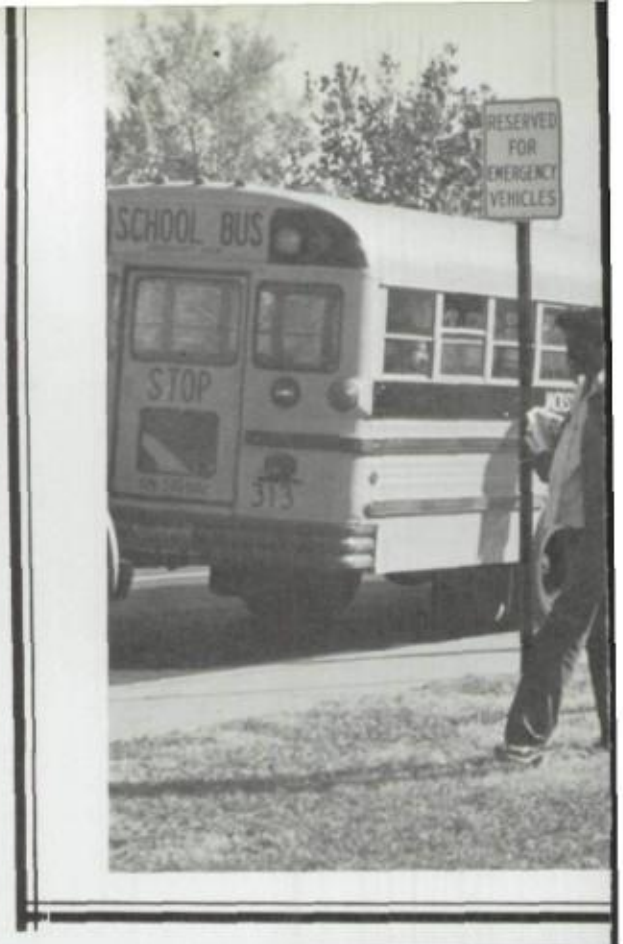
Facelift for Faculty Lounge

"It's hot in here! This place is drab!" It was the last week of duty for teachers. Grades were averaged and few items remained to be done. For the first time in several years the coke machine had made a profit. A committee, headed by Barbara Massey priced air conditioners. Sears had the best buy, and delivery was promised the following Monday. There was enough money left over for paint, and several energetic teachers, led by Jon Robbins and Carol Roulette, donated rollers and a lot of elbow grease. A dilemma arose over what color to cover the green walls with, and after many samples brought by Joan Bat were viewed, a conventional white was chosen. The furniture was removed, and under the scrutiny of Karen Framer and Joan Bat, scrubbed with the help of several students. The windows were cleaned by Linda Hardy and Phil Lowe. Other painters were Jim Barfield, Kay Baines, John Stevens, Mary Jackson, and Dee Ball. Although amateurs, the painters took their job seriously, putting on two coats with a minimum of spillage. The job was not all work; they took several breaks, including a luncheon trek to the Mayflower Cafe. It had been hoped that the air conditioner would be installed in time to cool the painters. Harold Moman put in the wiring, but the coveted machine did not arrive until the last day of duty was over. The lounge was so appealing, some teachers found it hard to leave.

It still looks green! Faculty members John Stevens, Kay Baines, and Jim Barfield add a second coat of paint to the lounge as Jon Robbins supervises.



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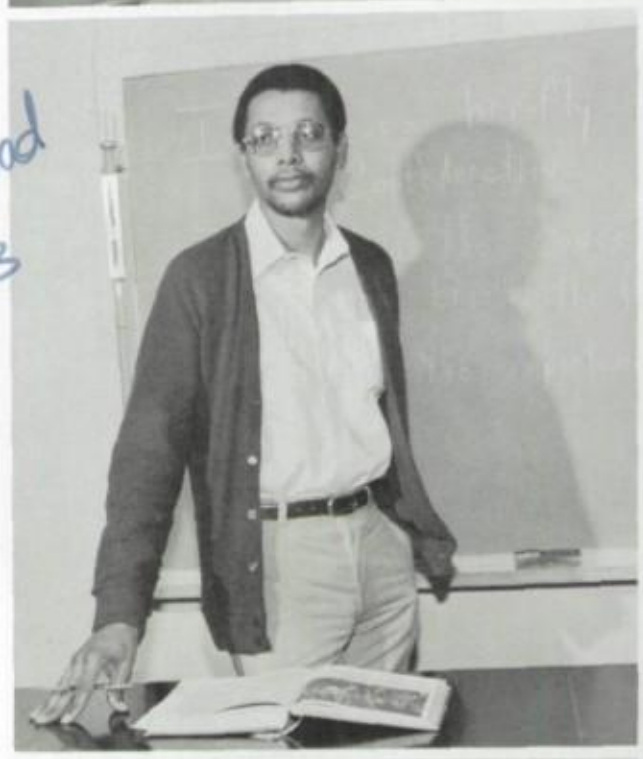

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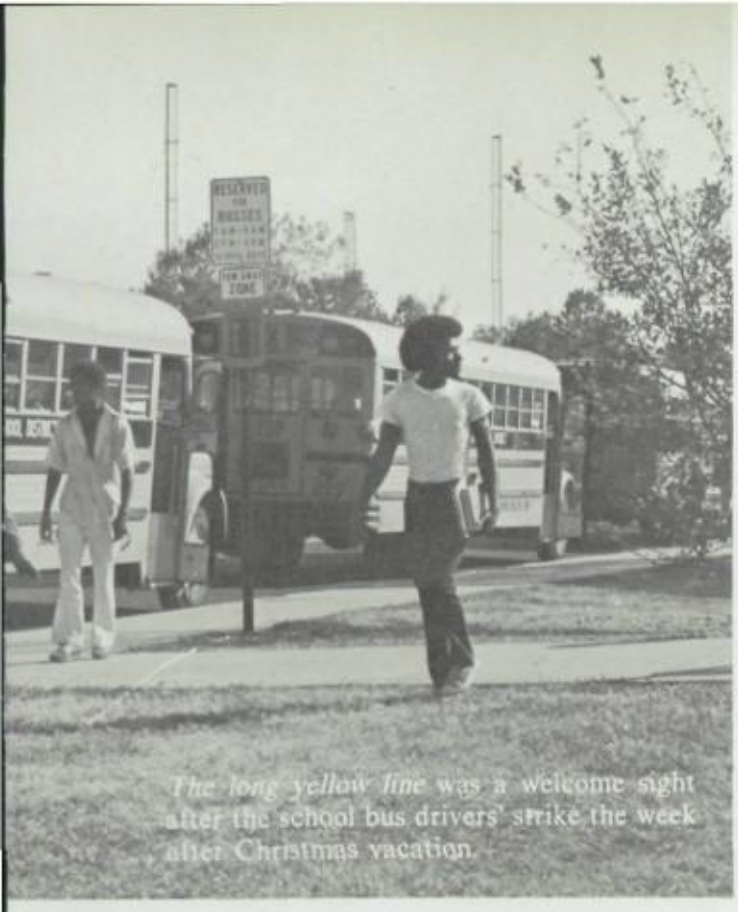

The long yellow line was a welcome sight after the school bus drivers' strike the week after Christmas vacation.

Year of the Bus

"Oh, No! Where's #259? Have I missed my bus? Hey, look, I see it. It's way down there. C'mon!" Sound familiar? The majority of the student body traveled to school aboard a yellow school bus. A new state law provided transportation to students living more than a mile from school. This changed the MHS bus population from 7 to 17. In some cases, the bus situations appeared ridiculous. While some buses had three or four riders, others had standing room only.

Faculty members were assigned bus duty before and after school, and were reminded via the P.A. system if they failed to show up. Many teachers sacrificed their assigned parking spaces to no-parking signs because the buses needed more turning room. Sixth period teachers got in trouble for letting students leave classes early to go to their lockers before the buses left. However, this effort was not always successful — "Hey, wait for me! Oh, no, please wait!!!"

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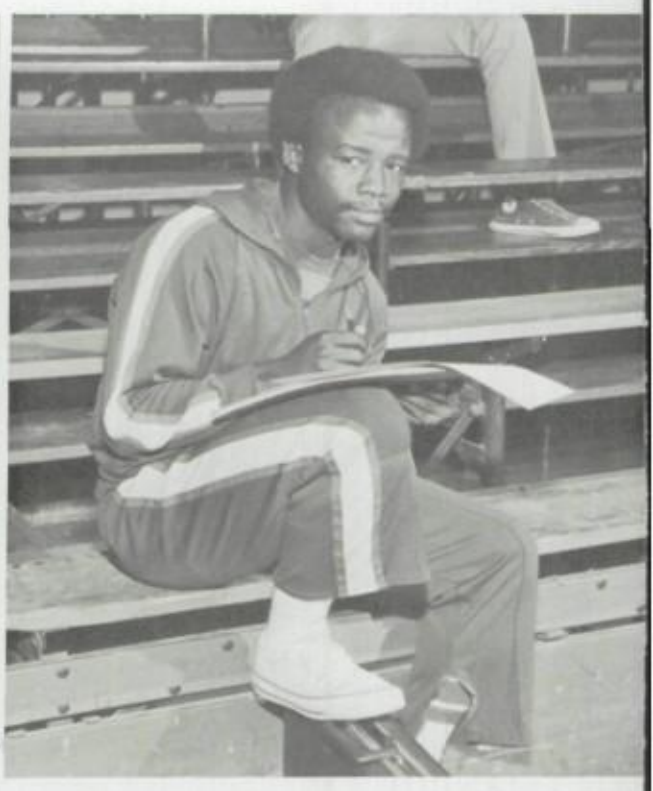

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Discussing the next restaurant they will attack is the Gourmet Dining Club of Murrah. Linda White, Linda Hardy, Carol Roulette, Phil Lowe, John Bat, and Barbara Massey. Not pictured are Jon Robbins and Marilyn Lowe.

The Gourmets

Founded on the principle that eating is fun, the Murrah Faculty Gourmet Diners Club pigged out on the first Thursday of each month. The idea originated several years ago when certain faculty members began eating lunch together during the first week of duty and the last week of school. They went to a different restaurant each time, and compared notes on the food, service, and atmosphere. After several years of lunching together, they decided on the dinner meetings. Being professionals, reservations were made in the name of the group at the chosen eatery. From salad to dessert, critiques were made, and in some cases written down for the benefit of the proprietor.

On several occasions, when certain items did not measure up to the accustomed expectations, they were sent back, and a notation was made. The group detected dirty lettuce at one establishment, tea brewed in a coffee pot at another, (a distinct coffee flavor ensued) and vowed never to frequent one certain restaurant because the loud music gave them a headache.

Membership was open to Murrah Faculty members and their spouses, with the only qualifications being a love of pigging out and a critical nature.

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You have been a
real pleasure to have
as a Singer. Remember
that you will always
be a member of the "Singer Family"!
Best Wishes for a Happy life. Love, Barbara Massey

"Maybe you should consider this vocation." Miss Carter always offers several options for every decision.

The Counselor

"Congratulations upon earning a place on the first term honor roll! I am very proud of your achievement." Writing congratulatory notes to the students she counseled was only one of the thoughtful acts enacted daily by Miss Pauline Carter. One of the few members of the staff who has been at Murrah since its opening in 1955, she was the Student Council sponsor for 17 years. For the last seven years, and presently, she has devoted all of her energies to counseling students. Although all of these students were not exceptional, they sometimes seemed to be because Miss Carter found and developed what was best in each one. She arranged their schedules so that each would have the courses that were right for him, and pressed each to reach his potentials in all scholastic areas. She also guided them in college and/or career choices, and helped them find money to finance their educations after high school. If Miss Carter makes a promise, one can be sure it will be done — and done well. The perfect illustration of the words "conscientious" and "efficient," she is friendly and helpful to any who come her way.

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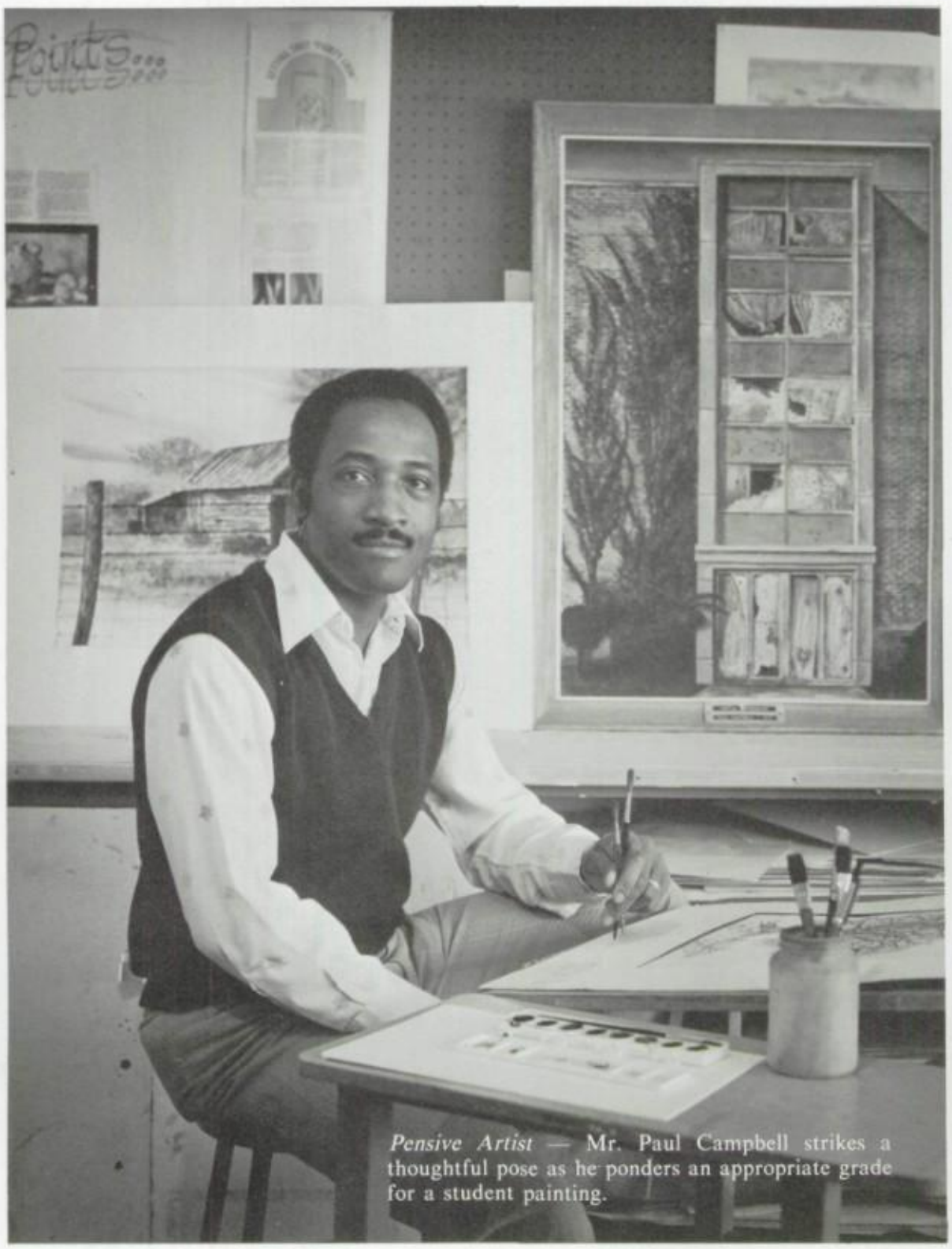

Pensive Artist — Mr. Paul Campbell strikes a thoughtful pose as he ponders an appropriate grade for a student painting.

The Artist

Paul Campbell, Murrah art teacher, is one of the most prestigous artists in Mississippi. He has done baptistry murals for local churches, and his works have been displayed in various exhibitions, such as: "Mississippi Realism," at the Municipal Gallery, "One Man Show," at Piney Woods School, "One Day Exhibition," at Hinds Junior College, and "One Man Show," at New Stage Theatre. He was honored as a participant in an exhibition called "Three Artists/Three Teachers," displayed at Hinds Junior College. It consisted of his general works from 1973 to December, 1978.

Although his original artwork has been praised throughout the southern states, Mr. Campbell also enjoys artistic pursuits such as photography, restoring old paintings and antiques, designing and constructing window cornices, and collecting discontinued soft drink bottles. In his artwork, he tries, "to depict subjects of yesterday and today, things to hold dear tomorrow . . . "

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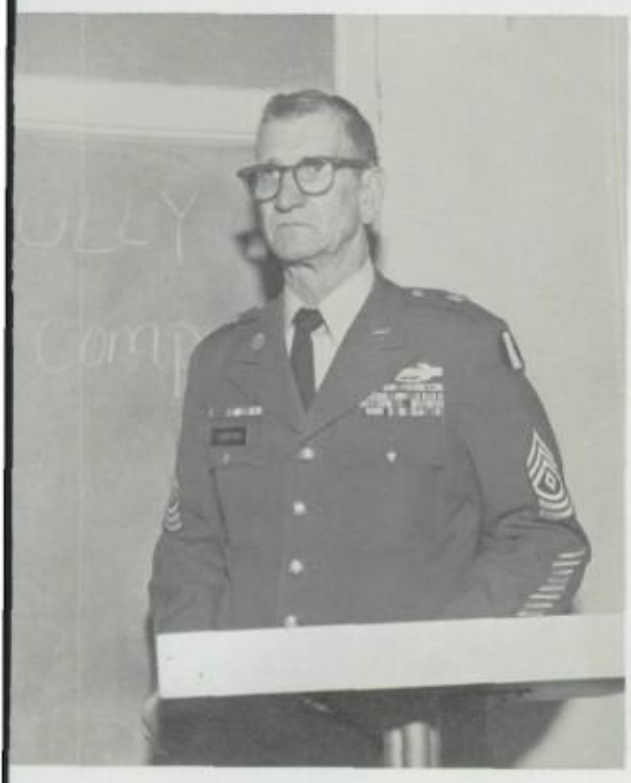
High Low Or Normal?

"Please . . . just get it over with." Esther Rigsby endures the pressure on her arm as she is tested for hypertension.

"Hypertension? Who, me?" Hypertension, extreme pressure on the inside of the arterial walls, is the leading cause of strokes, congestive heart failure, and kidney failure. More than 670,000 people die from heart attack in the United States every year. A leading factor in these deaths is high blood pressure. Since there are seldom any symptoms, it is important to have periodic blood pressure checks. The Physical Education department arranged for the Mississippi Chapter of the American Heart Association to screen 762 faculty members and students on November 29 and 30. Elevated blood pressure was detected in 21 females and 65 males, who were checked again after two weeks, and urged to see a physician if their blood pressure remained high.



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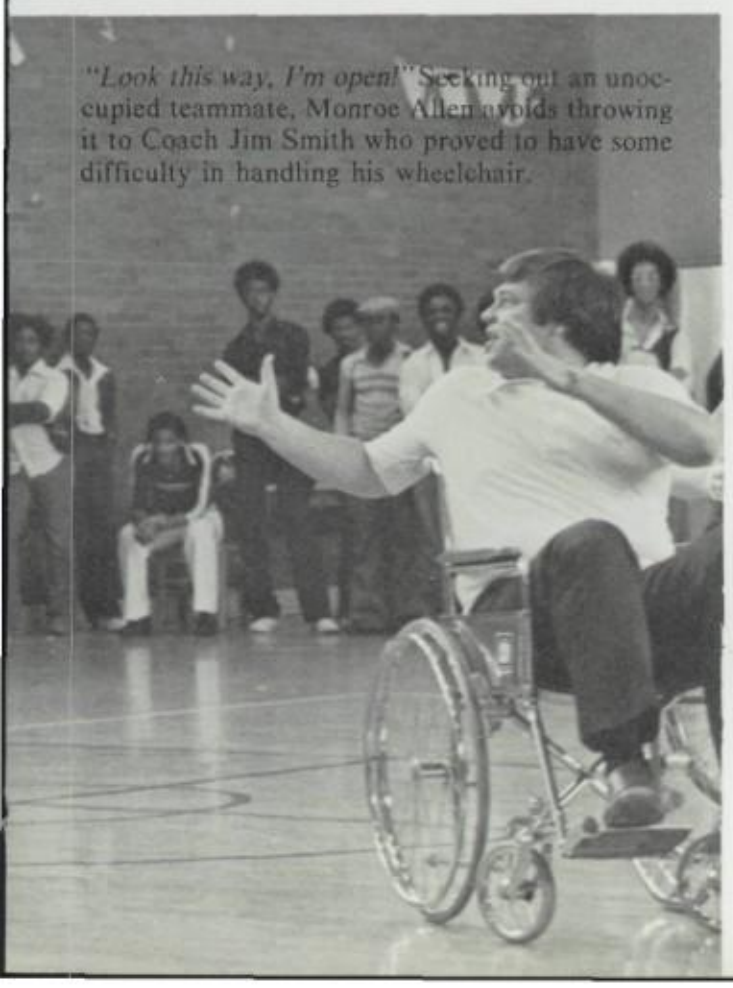
B.S., M.A. Ed., Jackson State University
Volleyball Coach



"Look this way, I'm open!" Seeking out an unoccupied teammate, Monroe Allen avoids throwing it to Coach Jim Smith who proved to have some difficulty in handling his wheelchair.

Free Wheelers

Shooting a basketball from a wheelchair is not easy. The Mustang wheelchair team, composed of Murrah coaches, several teachers, and Scott Rawlings, found this out when they were soundly defeated by the Free Wheelers, 32-4. A wheelchair basketball team, that is working to raise funds to establish recreational facilities for the physically handicapped, the Free Wheelers are hoping to develop a wheelchair basketball league in the Jackson area.

The MHS team tried hard to make the game worth the 50¢ admission. During halftime, Donnell Allen challenged one of the Free Wheelers to a shoot-out. The competition was not as easy as Donnell expected; however, he would say he was just giving the guy a break. Scott Rawlings added a dash of excitement by attempting a dunk, but was penalized for jumping up out of his chair. It was definitely a fun-for all game.

Faye Adams
Terry Addy
Angie Alexander
Teresa Alexander
Katherine Allen

Vickie Allen
Alexander Alston
Carolyn Amos
Cynthia Anderson
Jean Anderson

Larona Armstrong
Curtis Austin
Jessie Austin
Antrece Baggett
Meredith Baldwin

Seniors

At last it arrived — our big senior year! And were we spirited? Well . . .

As sophomores, we yelled at all the pep rallies and won the Homecoming float competition. As juniors, we didn't really see the point of being spirited. When we became seniors, it was kind of hard to get fired up again and remember that *we* had to be the leaders. We painted signs for pep rallies ("Almost heaven, so divine — we're the Class of '79!"), but it was a long time before we stopped talking about how the water tower needed painting and *did* it. But once that was done, we could all sit back and be proud. As the year went on and Graduation came closer and closer, we got more and more excited. We had senior parties, a senior breakfast, and after Graduation, a senior trip. Some were a little afraid of leaving home next fall, so we savored our senior year that much more. And by the end of the year, some people were already planning our 10th class reunion!

Representing the senior class are: Carneal Chambliss, vice-president; Tonya Thomas, president; Gwen Miller, secretary; and Gwen Davis, reporter.

Grace Baringer
Nancy Barnes
James Barrett
Reginald Blackman
Jacqueline Bolls

Robert Bowman
Jerry Boykin
Leonard Braddy
Brenda Bradley
Valerie Brown

Bridgette Buckley
Annette Bouldin
Ricky Briggs
Jessie Bullock
John Bumphis Jr.

Rufus Burks
Vickie Burns
John S. Butler
Arilla Fancina Cage
Danny Carlisle

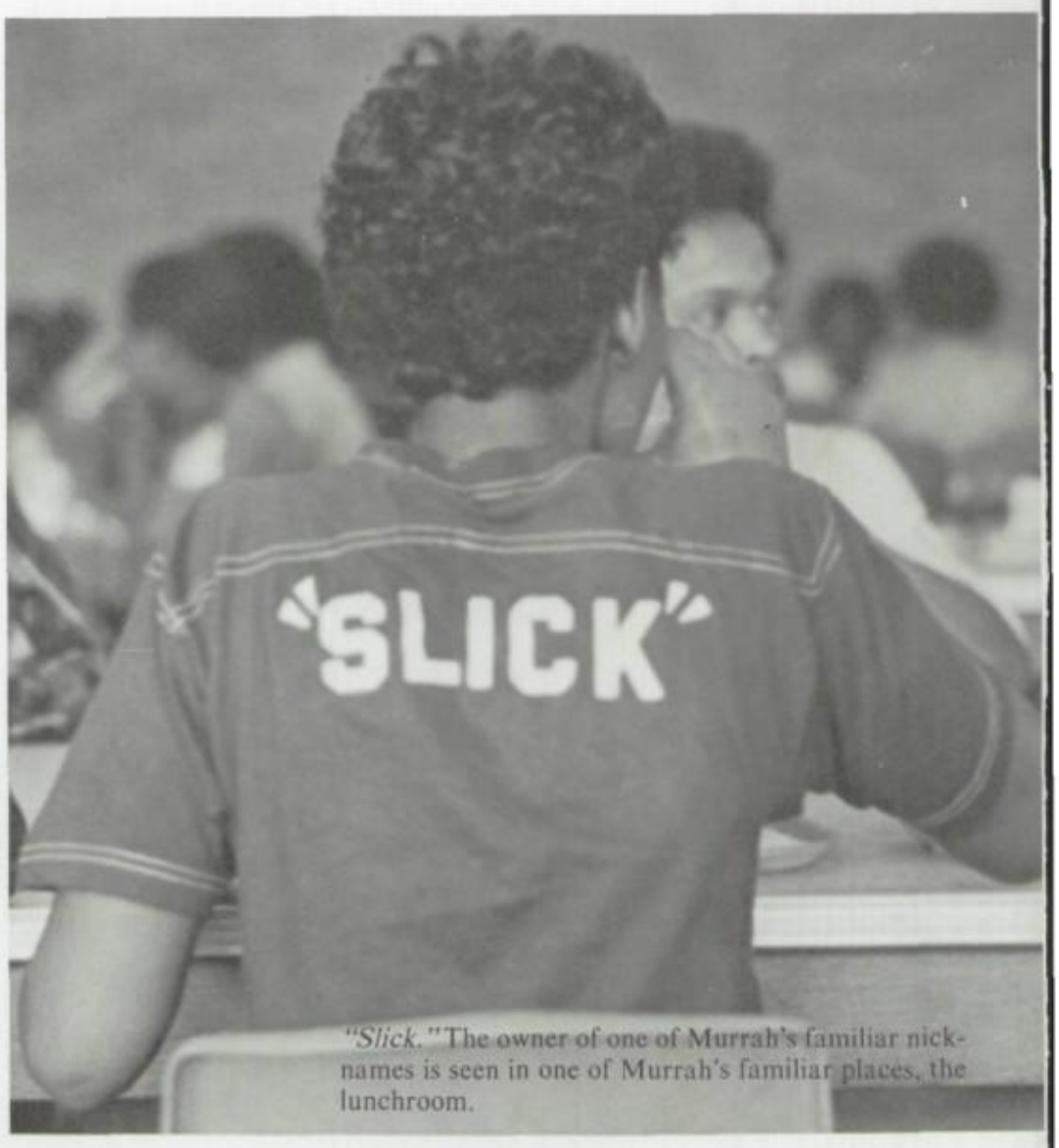
James Carmack

Bobby Cavett

"Ho-hum . . . " Seniors await the end of the cheerleaders' "The Horse" routine.

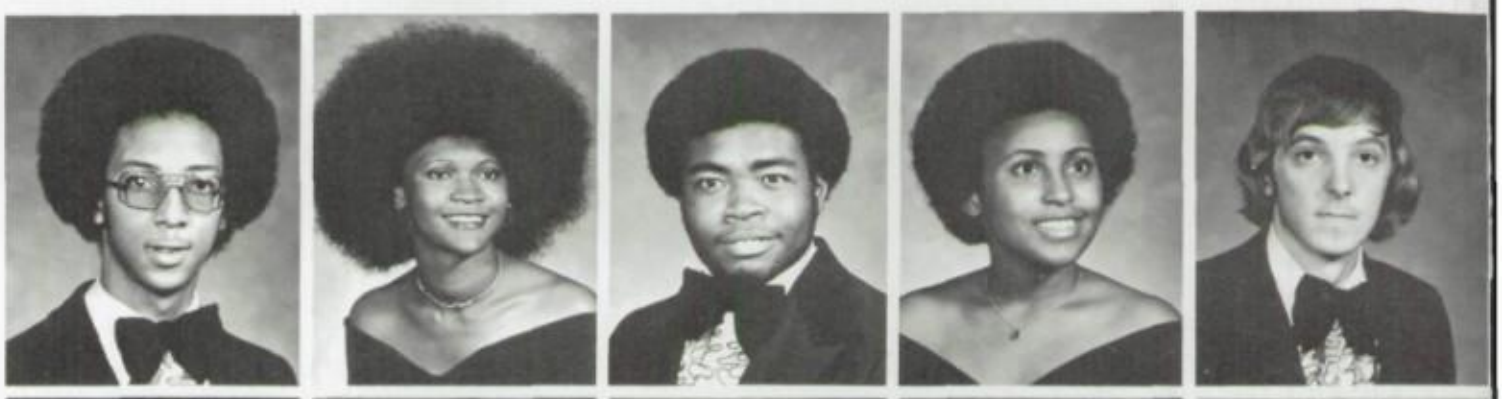
Nick-names

"Hey Slick!" Shout those words in a crowded hall of Murrah, and at least half a dozen heads will turn. While "Slick" may be the most common nickname at MHS, it is by no means the only one. In any place that people are together for an extended period of time, nicknames naturally appear. Some nicknames are merely a shortened form of the proper name — for instance, "Sweet V" (Veronica Harrison), "Luc" (Bernard Lucas), "M.P." (Mary Powel Jabaley), and "Cham" (Carneal Chambliss). Other refer to some personal trait: "Little Bit" (Evelyn Hatchett — and others), "Wide Load" (?), "Spacewoman" and "Hair-do" (Debbie Berman), and "Chief" (Mr. Merritt). Still other nicknames are a combination of the two — "Slater Dog" (Jim Slater), "Big Jim" (Mr. Merritt), and "Phred" (Phil Lowe). The last category is made up of nicknames with very obscure origins — "Cook-ie" (Jackie Bolls), "Chipper" (Scott Rawlings), "T.I." (Terri Kelly), and "Meade" (and deviations thereof — Allen Phares).



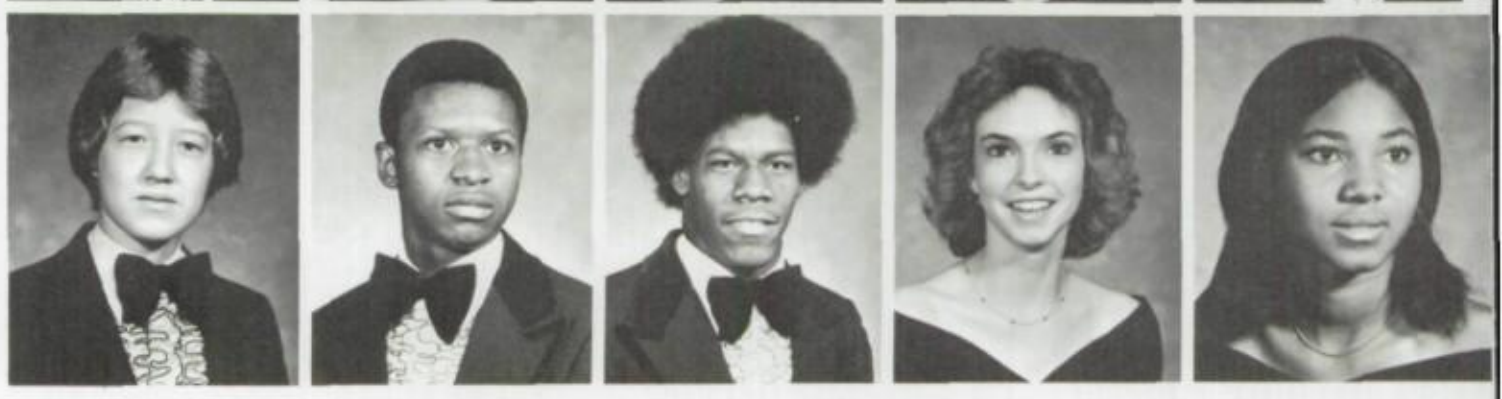
"Slick." The owner of one of Murrah's familiar nicknames is seen in one of Murrah's familiar places, the lunchroom.

Carneal Chambliss
Karen Chandler
Kenneth Chapman
Nora Chapman
Thomas Chennault



Don Christy
Angela Clark
Rose Clay
Helen Cleveland
Christopher Clincy

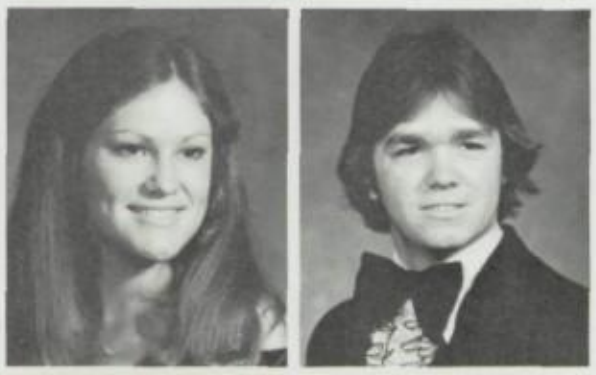
Rob Coatsworth
Joseph Collins
Ronald Cooper
Cindy Crawley
Johnnie Creamer



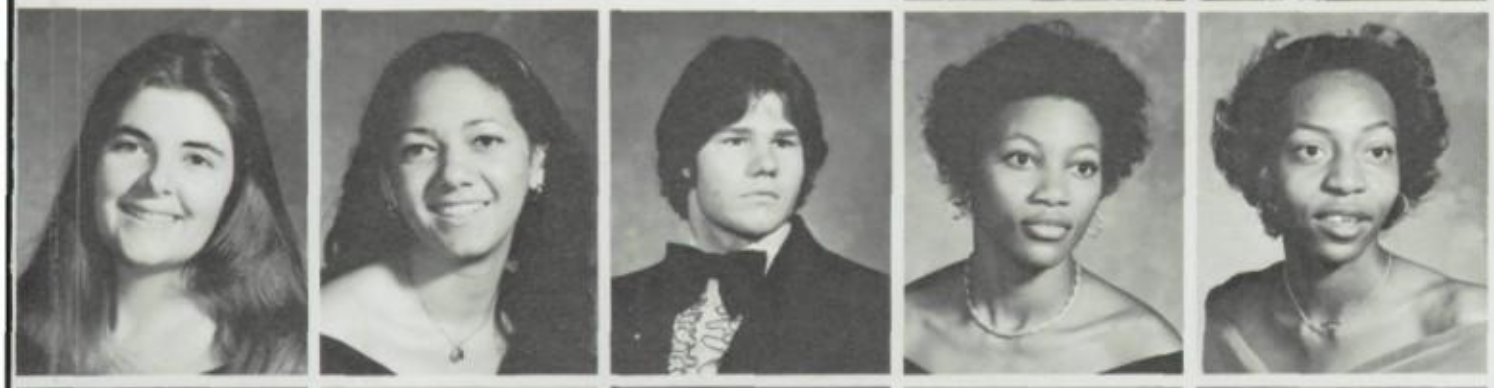
"I can't hack this Latin." Bernard "Luc" Lucas masters a foreign language courtesy of Singers.

Stephanie Crumbley
Gwendolyn Davis

Roderick Davis
Vernada Davis



Lyn Denson
Ronnie Dill



Cordelia Douzenis
Tracy Dubreuille
Charles Elam
Dorothy Ellis
Jennifer Ellis

Jimmy Ellis
Toney Evans
Kim Felts
Billy Franklin
Linda Franklin

Paul Franklin
Patricia Freeman
Willie Frazier
Anna Ford
Kathleen Funches

Lisa Garner
Harold Gater
Frederick Gates
Mindy Geiger
Antonio Gibson

Betty Gibson
Margaret Gibson
Emma Gilbert
Tim Gilmore
Steven Goodman

Deloris Grant
Yvonne Grant
Jeffery Gunn
Rosean Heggard
Allison Haralson

CHARLES

Pam Hardy
Erick Harris

Sylvia Harris
Veronica Harrison

Susan Hartung
Beatrice Helm

Frightening away Juniors and Sophomores, Senior Kelly Wallace uses the magical ring to ward off underclassmen.

Regina Henderson
Sara Henderson
Lee Hewitt
Joyce Hill
Patricia Hodges

Dennis Holloway
Dale Howard
Toni Hourani
Sheila Hudson
Becky Hutchison

Mary Powel Jabaley
Mary Jackson
Verna Jackson
Jessie James
Linda James

Senior Spending

"$60 to $100 for my ring ... about $50 for senior portraits ... $7.50 to take the ACT ... $8.00 for the SAT ... graduation announcements are 32¢ each — I'll need maybe 30 or 40 of those ... and then the namecards to go in them — uh, $6.00 for a box of 100 ... applying to colleges costs at least $15 or $20 for each application ... and if I decide to go on the senior trip, it'll cost $140 for bus and room, plus food and spending money ... That could be almost $500!"

Spending plays a big role in the life of every Murrah senior. Some seniors choose not to buy any of these things; others buy them all, as well as pins, keys, and "Memory Albums." And they count the money well spent, for it records their senior year.

"Watch the birdie!" Senior portraits are just one of nany expenses Curtis Austin and other seniors face during the school year.

Spirit

"Spirit — Spirit — Spirit" was printed on the towels sold by the Cheerleaders to promote football spirit. One dollar and fifty cents — was it worth it? The towels were useful in wiping perspiration off Misses or football players during the games. But — what about spirit? The sophomores showed it, the juniors tried, and the class of '79 was divine. The epitome of spirit was Mr. Hall. Every pep rally was brought to a climax by his appearance. The classes crouched down, rolled their arms, and chanted, "Woop, woop, woop" until Mr. Hall pointed to them. Then everyone went wild — screaming at the tops of their lungs. The "true blue spirit" was ultimately expressed at this time whether it was support for the football team or the spirit of competition.

"Spirit — Spirit — Spirit" remains and will exist as long as Murrah High School is the home of the Mustangs.

Fired Up! Cheerleaders induce spirit at the Callaway pep rally.

Ronn James
Costella Jenkins
Benita Johnson
Beverly Johnson
Glenda Johnson

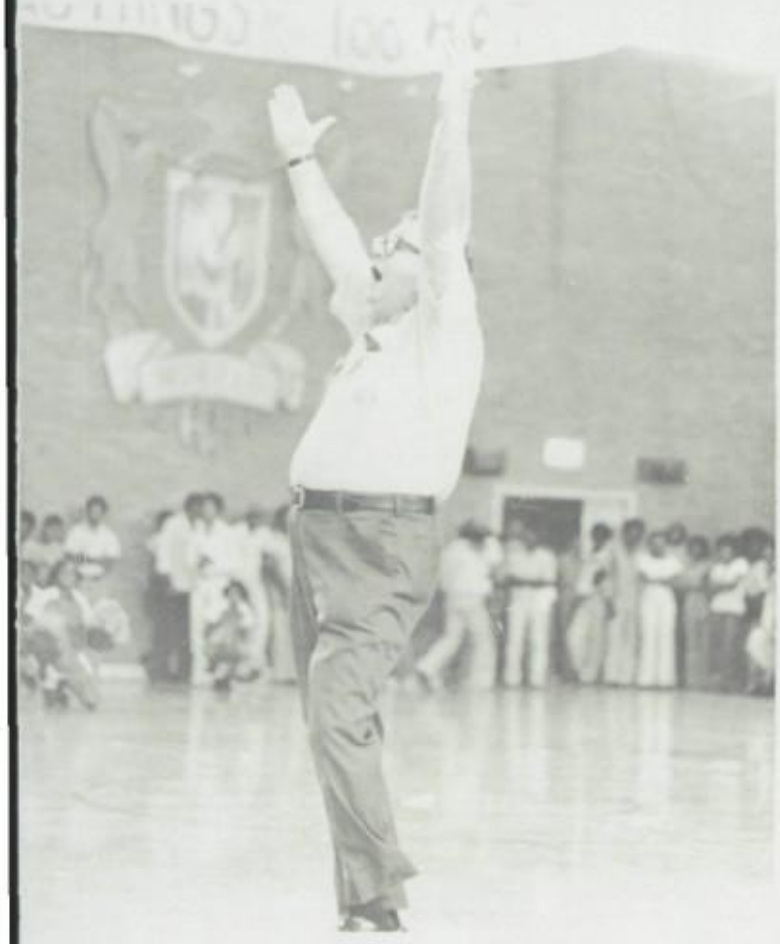
J.C. Johnson
Lee Johnson
Linda Johnson
Norma Johnson
Sadelle Johnson

Gary Jones
Godfrey Jones
Jacqueline Jones
Kandye Jones
Marvin Jones

Ronnie Jones
Linda Kearney
Terri Kelly
Julie Kemerling
Carrie Ann Kirkpatrick

Kenny Knott
Sherlene Kyles
Barry Kynerd
Sarah Lee
Sammie Leflore

Susan Levy
Margaret Lockwood
Leo Love
Bernard Lucas
Donna Luckey



"I can't hear you!" With arms raised, Mr. Hall builds Mustang spirit in a pep rally.

Gwendolyn Maberry
Carol Marks

Jessie McDonald
Boty McDonald

Jeannette McDouglas
Bruce McField

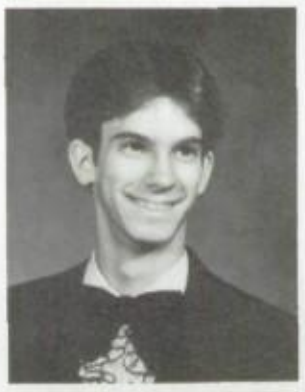
Joyce McField
Randy McGrone
Patricia McInnis
Doris McLin
Scott Mermelstein

Frank Michael
Leisa Mikles
Gwen Miller
Stormie Minniefield
Michael Minor

Edward Moore
Orlander Moore
Stacy Moore
Janet Morris
Kenneth Mosley

Grace Nevins
Carla Newton
Bao Nguyen
William Owens
Jimmy Painter

Gary Parish



Allen Phares

"There it goes again!" Mrs. Weathers scowls at the P.A. speaker when the announcements interrupt her lecture.

"May I have your attention, please!" Mr. Merritt once again makes the afternoon announcements.

Announcements

"May I have your attention, please. We need to make a few necessary announcements at this time. Excuse the inconvenience, but we'll try to make these as brief as possible, so as not to interrupt your classes more than is absolutely necessary . . ."

As the voice droned on, students taking tests looked up in mild irritation; Mrs. Tramel looked exasperated and tried to continue teaching; Mrs. Weathers shook her fist at the speaker; and Mr. Lowe muttered a few words under his breath and broke off his lecture. Ten minutes later, the voice ended, but few noticed. Students had been talking, tuning out the squawk box altogether. However, a few listened: "When was that Quill & Scroll meeting? What day does Miss clinic start? Did he say a ring had been found? Dunno. You should've listened to the announcements!" How else were you going to retrieve a lost item, or publicize an event? There was also the group who applauded when announcements began because it meant a reprieve from the voice of their teacher.

Linda Phillips
Wendell Pickens
Gregory Pippin
Barbara Posey
Scott Rawlings

Mark Rigsby
Paulette Roberts
Nancy Robertson
Angela Robinson
Cynthia Robinson

Diane Robinson
Cathye Ross
Mary Ross
Mertis Russell
Vicki Sallis

Jackie Shaw
Anthony Shelby
Sandra Shelton
Laura Sinclair
Jim Slater

Tony Slawson
John Smith
Joseph Smith
Kim Smith
Paul Smith

Robert Smith
Todd Spjeledet
Carney Stevens
Jana Stroh
Lonnie Stubbs

At the end of every nine weeks, a pensive aura surrounded the school. Grades were coming out; meaning, for some, angry parents and a possible conference with the counselor. Many students knew in advance what they would make, but there was still a slight uncertainty, the fear of some nasty suprise, that was not dissipated until the grades were in hand. In general, however, students "passed because they passed, and failed because they failed." Of course, parents could not always accept this simple fact of life; therefore, when report cards were received, visions of stormy scenes at home often overshadowed the quiet smiles of exultation and by the next day, the school was peaceful once again and the tense mood was almost forgotten — except by the students who were grounded.

Conference with the Counselor? Nothing serious, Julie Kemerling is just talking to Miss Carter about her second semester schedule.

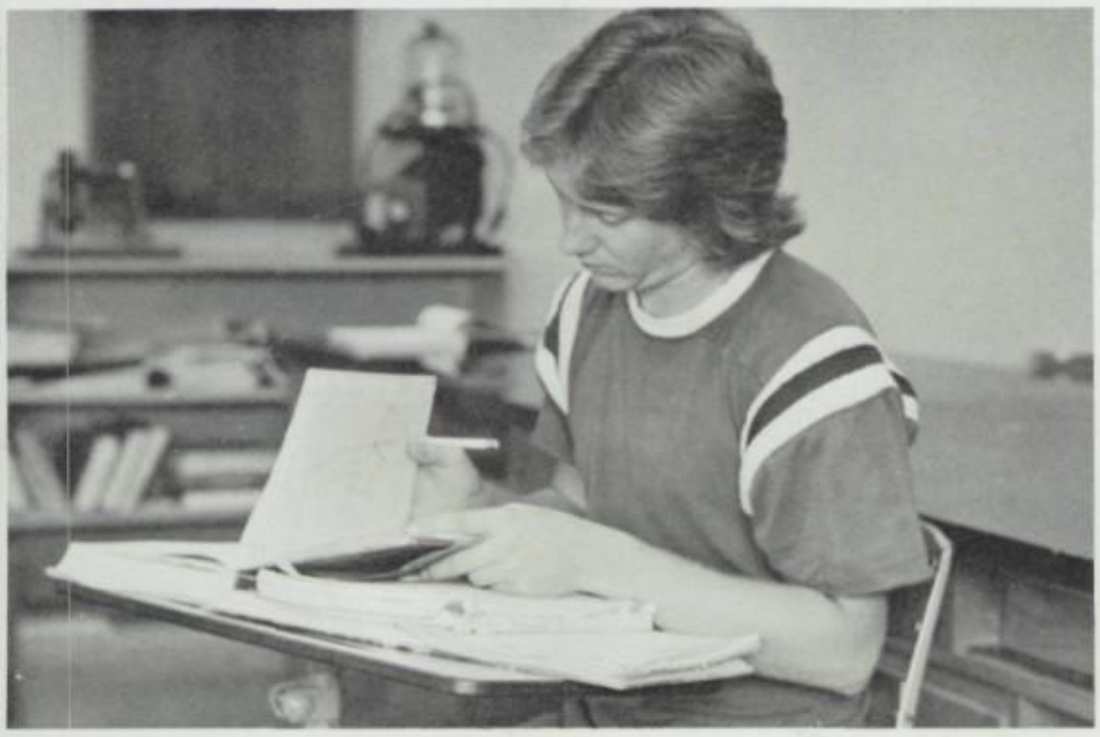
A, C, or F?

Earnest Sturgis
Selika Sweet
Warren Tate
William Tate
Leonard Teague

Priscilla Terrell
Dwayne Thomas
Shelia Thomas
Tonya Thomas
Steve Tidwell

Pamela Tillman
Vickie Tripp
David Vanburen
Rodney Vance
Gwen Walker

Ray Walker
Tyrone Walker
Robert Wallace
Eddy Waller
Vickie Ward



$a + b = c$ — An understanding of the mysteries of Physics is essential for Boyd Edward' passing the course.

Jacqueline Warden

Reginald Washington

Boogie! Dancing next to the band, *The Horse* entertains the crowd during halftime.

Kathy Watson

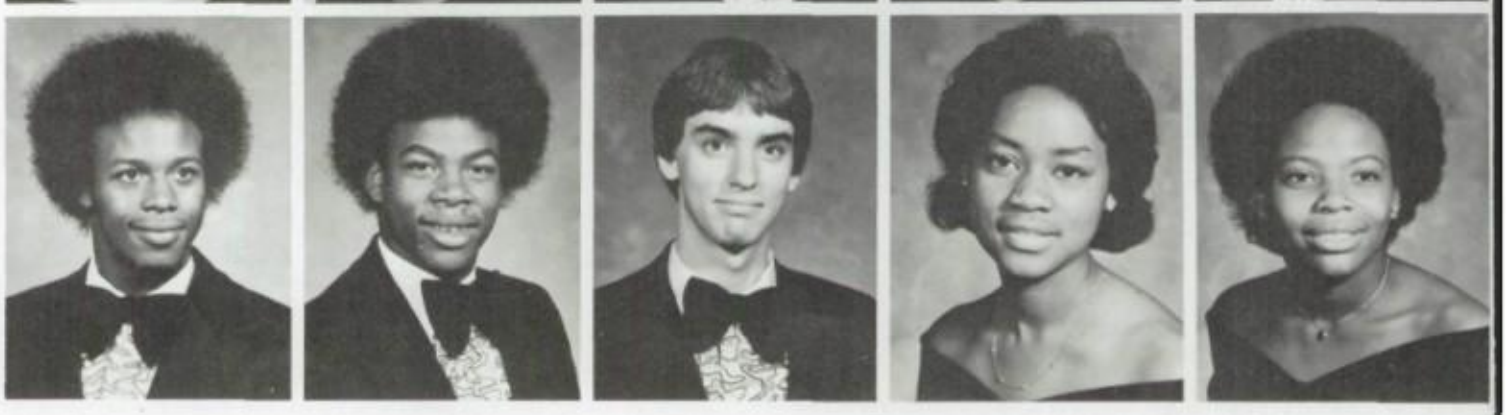
Richard Watts

Carolyn Weathersby
Rob Weaver
Mary Webster
William West
Kathy Weidert

Houston Wells
Anthony Williams
Glenda Williams
Hosie Williams
Jackie Williams

Jeston Williams
Loretta Williams
Randell Williams
Regina Williams
Ricky Williams

Tony Williams
Frederick Wilson
Bernard Wolfe
G. Woodard
Fransha Young



"Get down!" The Horse performs for the homecoming court to its theme song, "The Horse."

The Horse

"Here comes the Horse! Watch it get down!" What would Murrah be without that famed inspirer of spirit, that noble beast that pranced its way into the hearts of all the Mustangs!

. The Horse was born during the 1975-76 football season when juniors Chuck Rainey and George Ritter introduced the character as part of a skit during a pep rally. There was such an overwhelming response by the student body that the Horse began traveling to some of the football games.

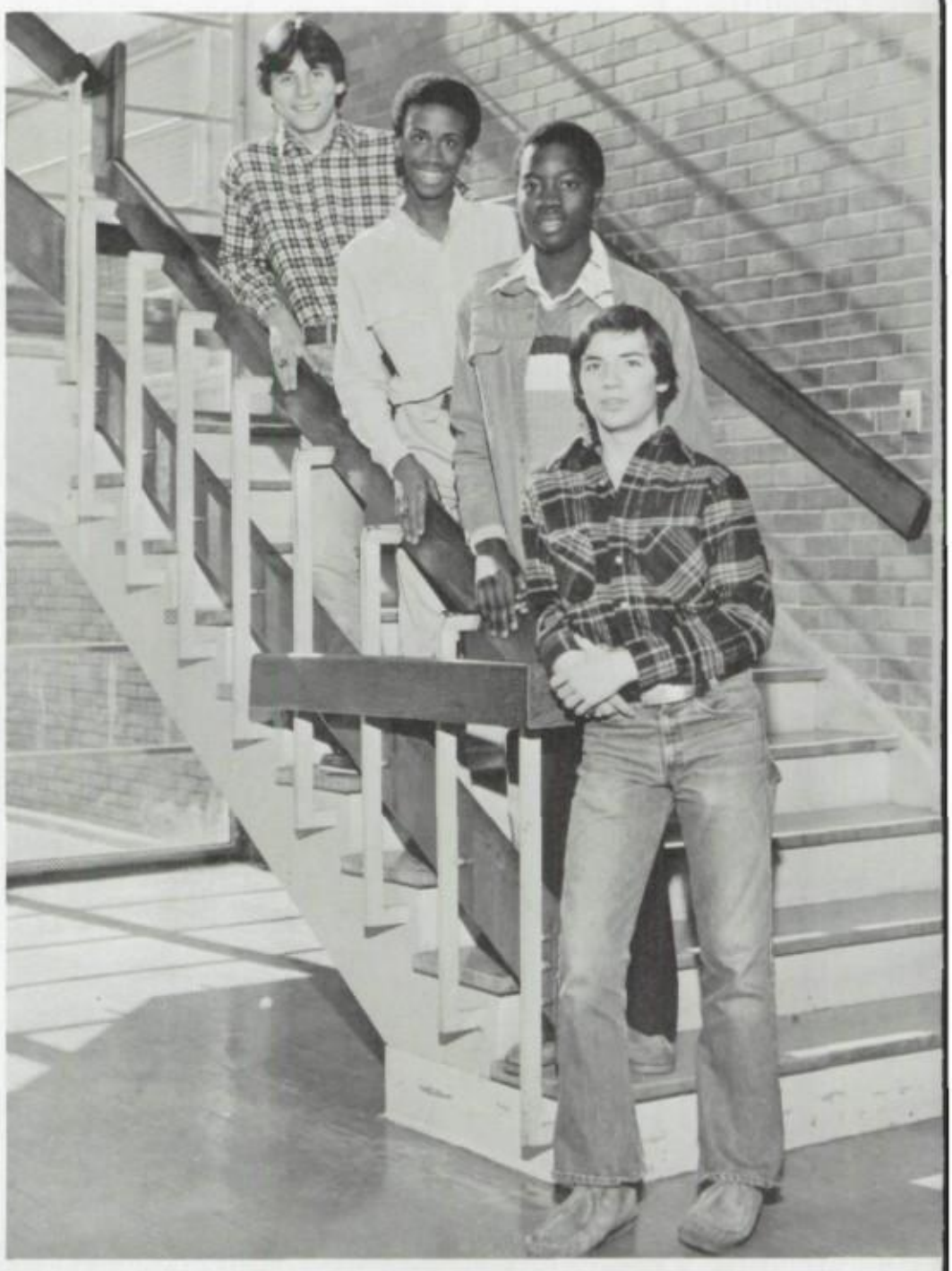
The Horse soon became a permanent fixture at Newell Field. Juniors Jay Wilson and Billy Beard were the seond pair to inhabit the Horse. They almost "killed" it when they inadvertently left its head in Biloxi after a football game. But, a new head was made for the 1977-78 season, and the school mascot was saved. Seniors Dent Anglin and Jerry Farr were the next to wear the blue and silver silks of The Horse. During their reign, the fame of The Horse grew further.

The most recent occupants of the Horse were Seniors Robert Smith and Houston Wells. They added a new dimension to The Horse's talent. When the band struck up "Disco Inferno" in the pep rally, they not only pranced but also danced, much to the satisfaction of their audience. During the 1978-79 school year, the extent of the Horse's activity grew to include attendance at all football and many basketball games, and the mascot has become widely known. Most Mustangs would agree that Murrah would not be the same without that noble beast, The Horse.

Juniors

Caught in the middle. As juniors, we couldn't use the excuse of being new, but neither were we battle-weary veterans who deserved a rest. We had so many things to do: make Valentine's Day flowers, plan the prom, take the PSAT, and the ACT. As we learned the priveleges of life in high school, we sometimes realized that the teachers and the seniors were looking at us as they tried to decide who would be the leaders next year. But we didn't think about responsibility too much — that would come. Right now, we were too busy having fun and being free from the social stigma of being "slopmores" — we could call others by the name we hated last year. And if we were sometimes impatient for our final year of high school, we were usually realistic enough to know that, when the time came, we would be the Seniors of 1980!

Junior officers are: Michael Jabaley, president; Ishia Chapman, vice-president; Cary Junior, secretary; and Michael VanVelkinburg, reporter.



Cynthia Alexander
Elvin Allen
Rachel Allen
Christine Anderson
Doris Anderson
J.B. Anderson
Ronnie Anderson

Leroy Armon
Barry Armstrong
Pennie Ashford
Ronnie Ashford
Janice Bailey
Leigh Bailey
Gloria Barnes

Lee Barnes
Stanley Barnes
Joann Bass
Annette Battle
Lynn Bell
Patrice Bell
Debbie Berman

Ripple! The Junior Misses provide an excellent imitation of the "Chump-ettes" at the Callaway pep rally.

Jennie Berry

Laverne Berry
Suzanne Blackwell
Rhonda Burt
Andy Boone
Charles Boykin
Tony Bracey
Harvey Bradley

Marion Brooks
Oscar Brookins
Jackie Brown
John Brown
Wes Brown
Lorener Bryant
Jeffrey Bumphis

John Butler
Katherine Cage
Emma Caldwell
Ethel Caldwell
Patricia Carr
William Carr
Melanie Carroll

Loretta Catchings
Ishia Chapman
Linda Chase
Susan Chestnut
Rose Clay
Shirley Cleveland
Eddie Coleman

Gwen Collins
Robert Collins
Gladys Cooper
Patricia Creamer
Gennetta Crumbley
Keith Dampeer
Willie Darby

Walter Darden
Sherrick Davis
Dorothy Delaney
Ricky Denson
Sandra Dixon
Charles Dukes
Boyd Edwards

You deserve a break today! Eddie Elward, Leigh Bailey, and Jennifer Gilmer enjoy a pleasant lunch before a Singer's concert.

Eddie Elward

Constance Evans
Victor Everage
Karen Evers
Jay Farmer
Jacqueline Fears
Samuel Finely
Jennifer Fizer

Debbie Ford
Sherman Foster
Michael Garner
Sara Garrott
Jimmy Gater
Michael Gater
Hunter Gibson

Jennifer Gilmer
Maud Gober
Wanda Gooch
Anthony Gray
Regina Green
Deborah Greer
Helen Griffin

Sharon Grisham
Sharon Gunn
Artis Hall
David Hall
Angel Hardin
Kim Hardy
Rebecca Harris

Randy Harris
Teresa Harris
Evelyn Hatchett
Johnny Hatchett
Michael Hatchett
Bill Hetrick
Allen Hines

Danny Hines
Kenneth Holt
Daniel Holmes
Steve Holmes
Sheila Hornsby
Michael Jabaley
Gentle Jackson

Jerome Jackson
Juli Jochimsen
Leache Jacobs
Pat Jacobs
Earnest Johnson
Hattie Jones
Tim Johnson

Tracy Jones
Leslie Jordan
Cary Junior
Kris Kellogg
Lynda Keyes
David Kilgore
Christi Kirkwood

Jeffrey Knott
John Kratochvil
Larry Lacey
Michelle Leavell
Melvin Leflore
Gloria Lewis
Janice Lewis

Members of the German Club are: *(FRONT ROW)* Tonya Thomas, Sara Henderson, Kathy Weidert, David Richards, *(SECOND ROW)* Chris Mize, Bao Ngyen, Tracy Michael, Juli Jochimsen, *(THIRD ROW)* Barry Dill, Robby Coatsworth, Ron Dill, and Jeanette Prince.

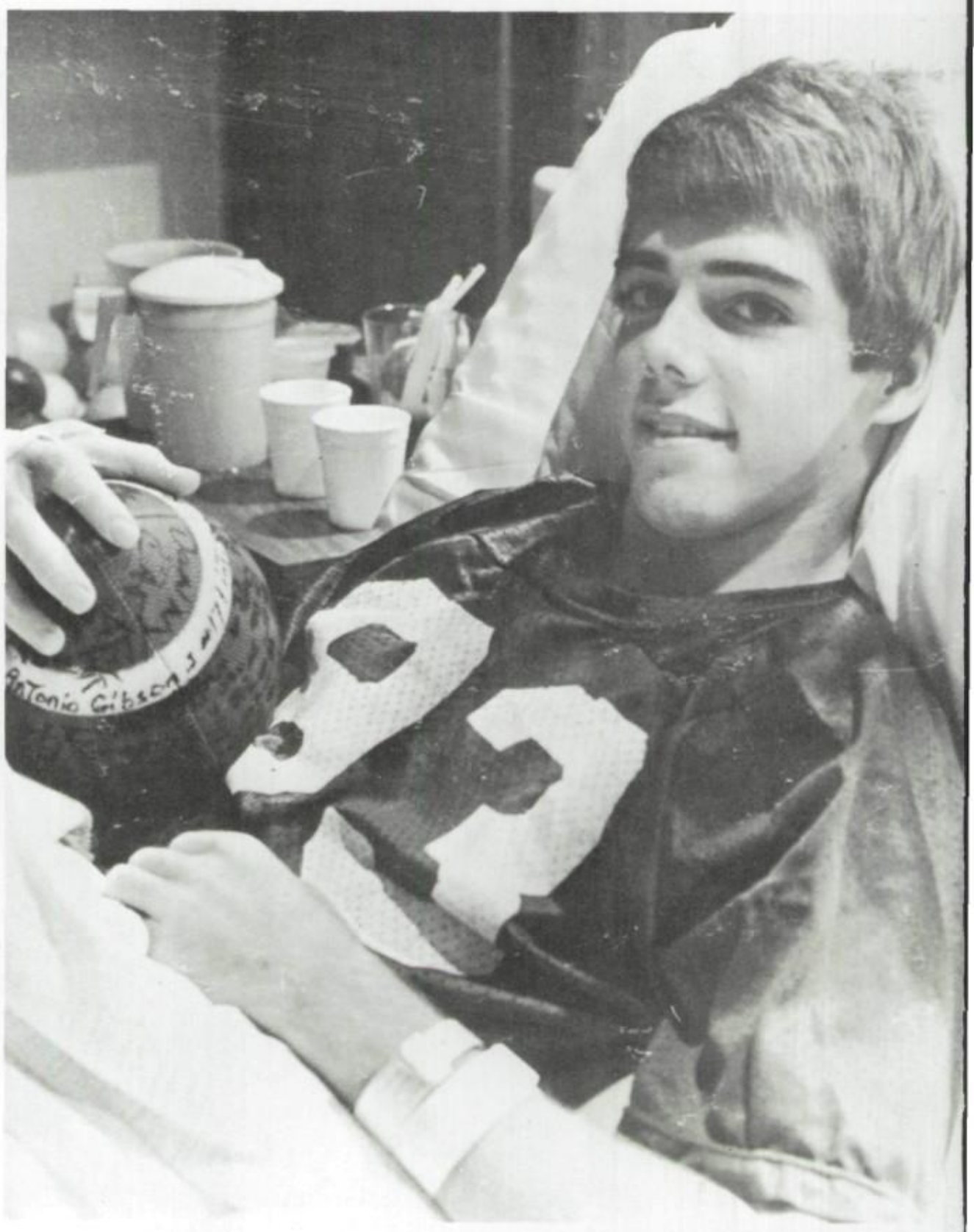
Deutsch

Auf Deutsch, bitte! (In German, please. With a total of fourteen members, the German Club began an exciting year of banquets and other Germanic activities. German delicacies gave the appropriate atmosphere to the fall banquet at which new members were initiated. In spring, the club shared a banquet with the other language departments, highlighted by the food and drink of different nationalities. In class, members of the German Club studied the basic structure and usage of the German language and learned excellent German poetry. In Mr. Lowe's words, "The German Club is a good cultural outlet for the students in the study of a language. The student often does not receive instruction in the customs of the people who speak it."

Shute! Shute!

On Saturday, October 14, Sammy Shute, a member of the junior class and the starting wide receiver for the football team, went to Oxford for Ole Miss's Homecoming. After the game, he was struck by a car while crossing a street on campus. As a result of the accident, Sammy suffered multiple fractures in both legs and spent seven weeks in Memphis Baptist Memorial Hospital. The weekend after the accident, Homecoming '78 was dedicated to him. There was a tumultuous pep rally Friday morning and an exciting and suspenseful game that night. The score was 14-14 at the end of the allotted time; the scene was set for an overtime playoff. Murrah won the toss and the first scoring opportunity. Just before going onto the field for the final series of play, the team huddled and began chanting, "Shute — Shute — Shute!" Simultaneously, the stadium vibrated with a roar from the stands: "Sammy — Sammy!" The team ran onto the field with spirit re-kindled to win for Sammy. The offense scored on the first play; the Mustang defense did its part by intercepting Greenwood's intended touchdown pass to seal the 20-14 victory. The winning game ball was autographed by all the football squad members and taken to Sammy in Memphis.

The football game on October 20, 1978, was one of the most emotional victories ever won by a Mustang team — in honor of a fellow player, student, and friend.



"Don't take away my gusto . . ." Sammy Shute holds on tight to his football autographed by teammates.

Time out. Sammy Shute pauses to catch his breath before re-entering the first game of the season.

Jerome Lewis
Gail Lipsey
Buddy Luckey
Robin Magruder
Denise Matlock
Beverly McCarty
Jan McDonnieal

Tamora McDowell
Robin McKinley
Joyce McLaurin
Sheryl McLaurin
Gwen McLellan
Janet McLellan
Mac McNease

Anthony McNutt
Steve McRee
Ethel Mills
Glenda Milton
Beverly Minor
Johnny Mitchell
Rufus Mitchell

Walter Moore
Jackie Morris
Trisha Murphy
Dexter Myles
Suzette Nathaniel
Mike Newell
Willie Nicholson

Grant Nooe
Lydia Norris
Anthony Norwood
Ellece O'Hara
Carolyn Palmer
Eliza Patrick
William Patrick

Sheila Patton
Thomas Peejs
Beverly Perkins
Eddie Perkins
Donald Pettit
Angela Philpot
Rennetta Pickering

Cheryl Plunket

"You're Still the One!" greeted Sammy Shute when he returned home after spending seven weeks in a Memphis hospital.

Boris Price
Karl Prince
King Pryer
John Ratliff
David Richards
Kenta Richardson
Nancy Roberts

Ronnie Robinson
Ross Robinson
Anita Roger
Vanissa Sampson
Arnitris Scott
Eliza Shearry
James Sheriff

Michelle Sibbi
Barbara Simmons
Larry Salughter
Alicia Smith
Kim Smith
Maxwell Smith
Michael Smith

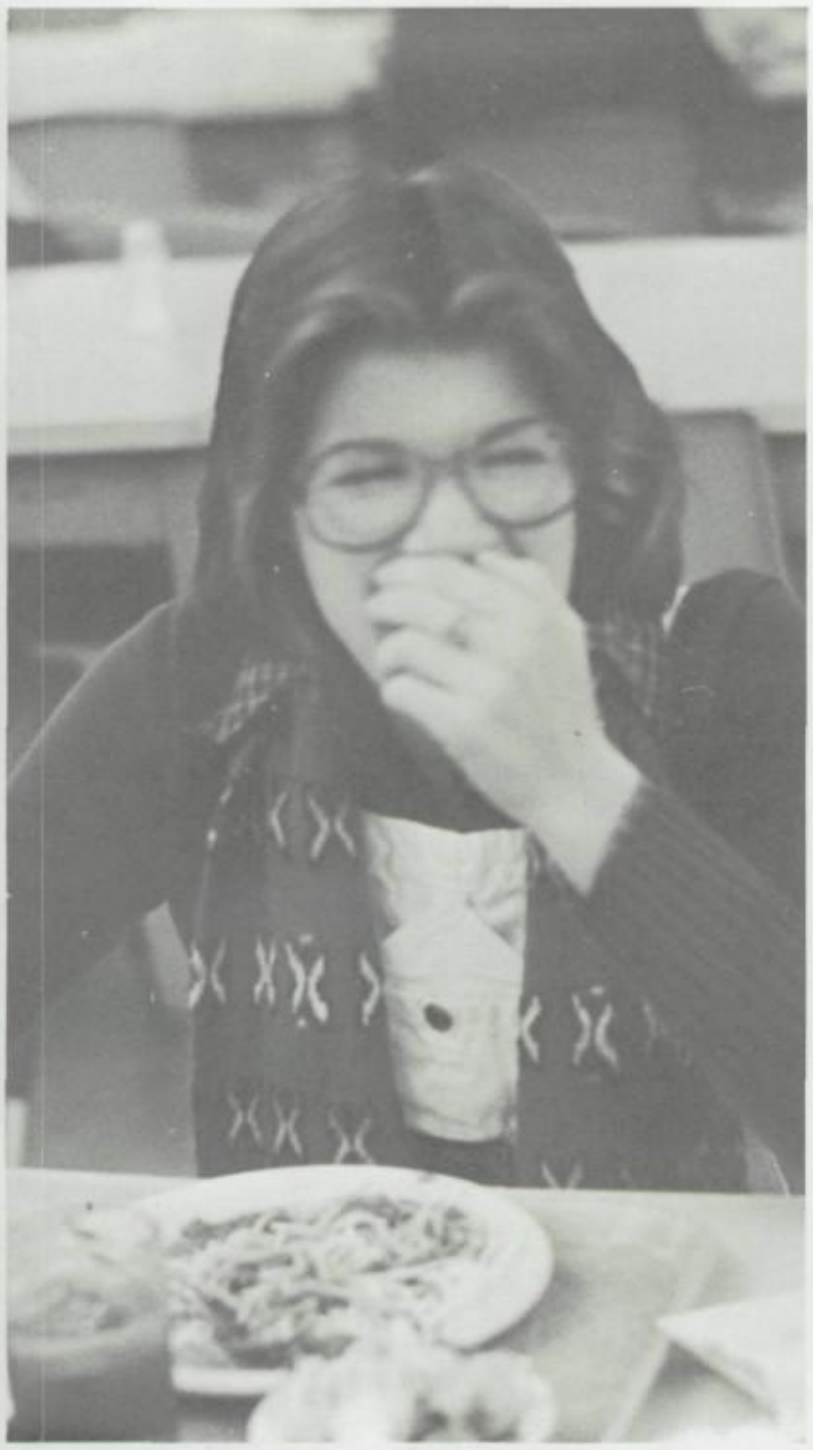
Michael Smith
Tammie Smith
Wyndy South
Jefferey Spitchley
Kimberly States
Regina Stewart
Mark Stietenrath

Lisa Strickland
Gwendolyn Tarrio
Bertha Teague
Helen Teague
Loretta Thomas
Gwendolyn Thompson
Pamela Thompson

Paul Thompson
Frank Townsend
Stephen Twyner
Cynthia Tyson
Scott Ulrich
Michael Van Velkinburgh
Lee Wallace

Dennis Ward

Delicious! Ishia Chapman finishes his lunch as the cafeteria empties.



Piggin' Out

Type A Lunch — (as outlined by the National School Lunch Act) ½ pint of milk, a serving of bread, 2 oz. of meat or meat substitute, ¾ cup of fruit or vegetables, and a salad or dessert.

This was the lunch served daily to over 800 students who were unable to procure lunch passes or force Mama to fix a sack lunch. The lunchroom served many purposes other than that of feeding the hungry. It was a common meeting ground for those interested in more than nourishment for the body; a place to exchange ideas, make dates, and throw food. Life in the lunchroom was always varied and exciting. Small scale food wars were known to break out daily, as well as real fights over rolls or who had saved who a seat. The cafeteria was the place, fourth period was the time, bedlam was the watchword.

A barrel of laughs. Jennifer Farmer can hardly finish her lunch for laughing at a round of jokes told at her table.

Michael Warren
Socrates Washington
Michael Wells

Cynthia White
Faye Wiley
JoAnne Wilkerson
Debbie Williams
Jackie Williams
James Williams
Kenneth Williams

Robert Williams
Alisa Wilson
Reginald Wilson
Vanessa Wilson
Keith Winstead
Nettie Winters
Keith Wood

Charles Woodard
Veronica Wonsley
Lisa Wright
Lyle Wynn
Allen Young
Emily Young
Timmy Young

Joanna Abernathy
Gennel Adams
Lynell Adams
C.W. Anderson
LaWanda Anderson
Michael Anderson
Michael Anderson

George Anglin
Ronald Ard
Fred Armstrong
Gwendolyn Baker
Elizabeth Banks
Nick Barrett
Preston Bennett

Jimmy Black
Tim Blackburn
Alan Blackman
Steve Blum
Danny Blumenthal
Jacqueline Braddy
Kenneth Bradfield

Callie Braggs
Bo Bridges
Barbara Brooks
Karl Brown
Linda Brown
Russell Brown
Sharon Brown

Voncilla Brown
Wesley Brown
Larry Bryant
Patricia Bryant
Durfie Burns
Robert Burse
Jackie Burton

Brenda Butler
Stephanie Butler
Betty Carlisle
Comolita Catchings
Mary Cavett
Rosie Cavett
Ken Christy

Carl Clark

Bedlam in the sophomore section. Even when not exactly cheerling, the northwest corner of the gym is a hub of activity.

Sopho-mores

We've finally made it! Here at last. Some of us thought we would never make it and some now wish that they hadn't. It was a big change after being on top last year. What a shock to fall straight to the bottom! The people who are looked down upon the most — sophomores.

Coming to a new school with new faces, new teacher, a new floor plan, having to find your way around, lost, and laughed at.

Then — a BIG surprise — the upper-classmen couldn't believe their ears at the first pep rally when we out-yelled all the others! As the months went by, we gradually learned where everything was — just what was going on, and we couldn't wait till the next year, when we would call some other people "slops!"

Sophomore officers are: *(FRONT)* Michelle Miggins, president; Lonnette Stubbs, vice-president; Kenny McDonald, Secretary; Kenneth Rigsby, reporter.

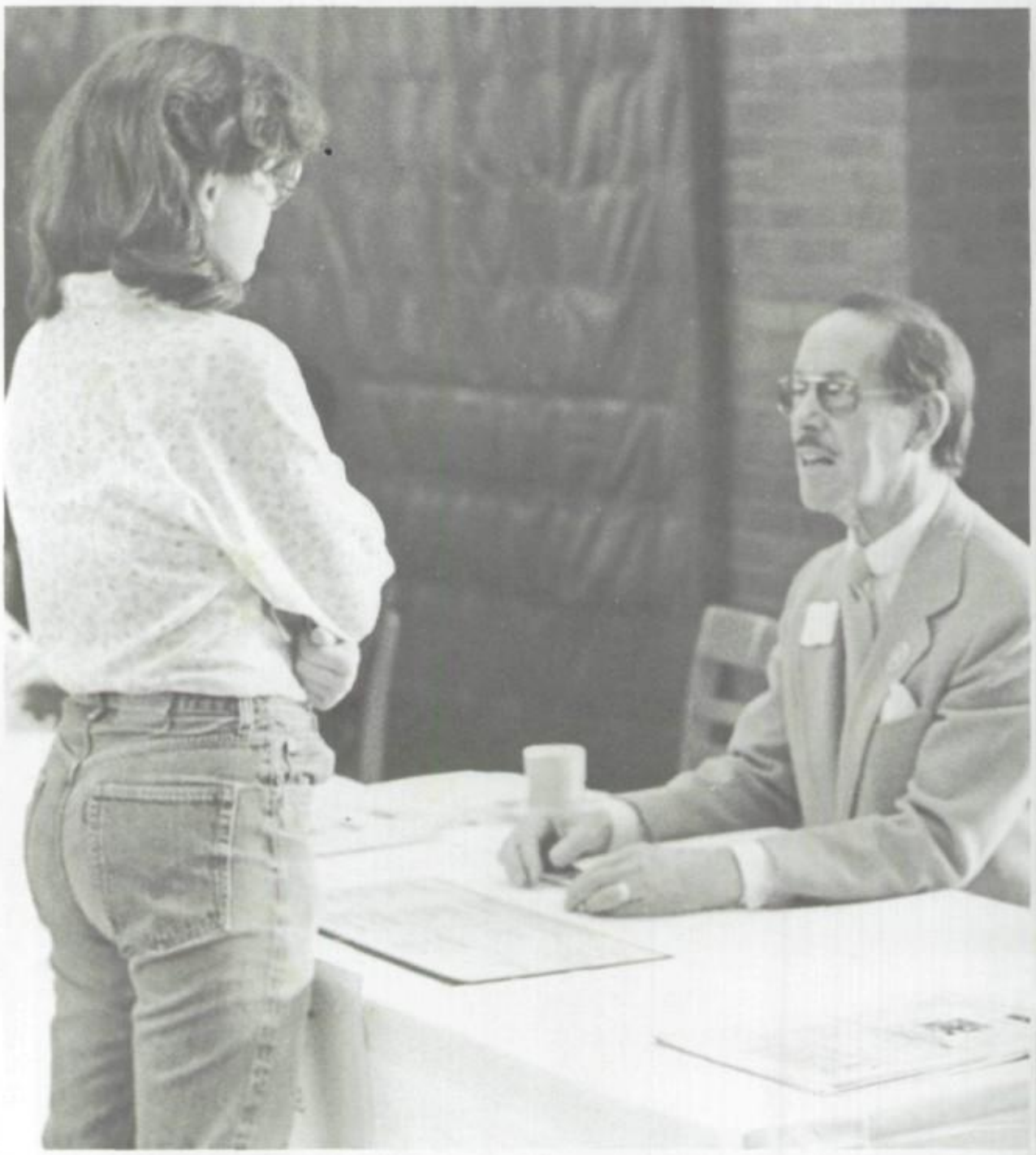
Lecrisha Clark
Raymond Clark
Cheryl Clark
Lula Clincy
Eddie Coleman
Kenny Collette
Carlos Cooper

Frank Cooper
Iris Crumbley
Michael Davis
Velma Davis
Halbert Dear
Reginald Dennis
Debbie Diggs

Barry Dill
Eric Dobson
Shannon Dortch
Nikki Draper
Ruby Ellis
Winfred Essix
Betty Evans

A Carnival

"First, you should major in Journalism" a city newspaper representative explains to Kathy Weidert the essentials for a career in reporting.



The gym was a Carnival on January 31, 1979, as Murrah held its first "Carnival of Careers." The climax of Career Emphasis Week, the event was sponsored by the Assembly Committee and organized by Cathye Ross and Kenta Richardson. The Mississippi Loan Association, University Medical Center, the Baptist Hospital, Packard Electric Eompany, and Trailways Bus Company were a few of the Jackson area organizations that arranged displays in the gym and distributed pamphlets and bumper stickers to the student body. One focus of interest was the Jackson Police Department's booth, which displayed departmental guns, bullet-proof glass, and other law-enforcement equipment.

The counselors and the Assembly Committee began preparing for the Carnival of Careers weeks in advance, and agreed that it fulfilled its purpose of exposing students to the various educational and vocational opportunities available to them.

Saundra Evans
Jennifer Farmer
Cathy Fields
Charlie Fields
Marcy Fischer
Kathy Fisher
Diane Florence

Ellen Ford
Richard Ford
Jeffrey Foster
Gloria Franklin
Jene Freedman
Rene Freedman
Jeannie Galloway

"Take a deep breath." A city fireman demonstrates the use of a gas mask at the Carnival of Careers.

Linda Gentry

Louis Gilbert
Rose Gill
Felix Gipson
John Gray
Gerald Green
Steve Green
Timothy Green

Marilyn Greenfield
Ruby Greer
Ellis Griffin
Barry Gunn
Robert Haley
James Hannah
Shirley Harrington

Marshall Harris
Tzatwanza Harris
Felix Harvey
Deborah Hatchett
Steve Hemingway
Dorothy Henderson
Marvin Henson

Anna Herrington
Samuel Hill
Tracy Holmes
Judy Hornsby
Cathy Husband
Doug Hutcherson
Susan Hutchinson

Barry Jackson
Tammy Jackson
Willie Jackson
Cassandra James
Jesse James
Julie James
Louis James

Walter James
Angela Johnson
Berry Johnson
Betty Johnson
Larry Johnson
Loretta Johnson
Matthew Johnson

Wanda Johnson
Andrew Jones
Ava Jones
Gerald Jones
Margaret Jones
Bennie Judge
Victor Junior

Aundra Kelly
Michael Krause
Rhonda Kyles
Rose Lampkine
Dudley Lampton
Kaye Lee
Stephen Lee

A miracle! After a long absence, toilet paper once again appears in the restrooms of MHS.

T. P. is Back!

Toilet paper plays a crucial role in everyone's life, but it seemed to be especially important to Murrah students. The first thing that came to mind when toilet paper was mentioned, was the lack of it in the school restrooms. Since there was no known paper shortage, evidently the misuse of the item by a few students caused the majority to go without. Some students snuck into the teacher's restrooms for a few sheets, but even this method did not always insure success.

Toilet paper was also brought to our attention when it hung from the roof of the school, flapping in the breeze. Some of the more spirited, energetic students scaled the outer walls of the building in order to decorate MHS with long, flowing strands of toilet paper. This usually occurred on game days, and always made an awful mess if it happened to rain.

PTSA President, Mr. Joe Robertson presented Mr. Merritt a crate of toilet paper at the Back to School Night program, symbolizing their willingness to help with any problems regarding abuse of the item. Students, take notice! T.P. is back again!

Zenya Leemisa
Linda Letherwood
Alice Lewis
Brenda Lewis
Joseph Lewis
Rachel Lewis
Daryl Levy

Levern Lipsey
Beverly Love
Winnifred Love
Monte Luehlfing
Alton Lum
Tressa Mayberry
Trease Magee

Ruby Mann
Mario Manning
Jodi Marks
Renette Martin
Ed McDaniel
Kenneth McDonald
Clark McDougle

Hules McDougles
Gretchen McGrucer
Glenn McKay
Charles McKibben
Gerald McKiness
Robert McKinely
Tracy Michael

Michelle Miggins
Willie Mills
Brenda Minor
Don Montgomery
David Moore
Emmett Moore
Deborah Morris

Michael Morris
Lacey Morrow
Janie Newkirk
Thuy Nguyen
Kenneth Oldfield
Richard Owens
Valerie Palmer

Becky Pate

Timely advice. A sign in Mr. Brooke's room reflects popular sentiment regarding conservation of toilet paper.

Waiting for the bell. Pam Hardy savors the quiet of the hall during class time.

Debbie Patton

Kenneth Patton
Jewelene Payton
Ben Peeler
Glenn Perkins
Lynn Perkins
Timothy Perkins
Jeff Peters

Mary Phillips
Tammy Plummer
Dina Plunket
Diane Powell
Jeanette Prince
Pierre Pryer
Henry Ragsdale

Mark Ragsdale
Danny Rainy
Kenneth Randolph
Gary Ratcliffe
Jeff Ratliff
Jo Ann Ratliff
Tonia Rauls

Kenneth Rigsby
Andrea Robinson
Sharon Robinson
Stevie Rodgers
Cora Ross
Jeannie Ross
Willie Ross

McArthur Russole
Meenoo Sekhon
Willie Sheperd
Joyce Shuford
Terry Shultz
Kim Sibbi
Gary Silberman

James Sinclair
Darryl Smith
Dennis Smith
Elbert Smith
Iris Smith
Jeffery Smith
Karen Smith

Mike Smith
Wyvette Smith
Prentiss Smith
Sheila Snyder
Barbara Spann
Bubba Spann
Greg Sparkman

Willie Stewart
Angela Stubbs
Lonette Stubbs
Kathy Sturgis
Allison Swyers
Gwendolyn Tarrio
Charles Taylor

Dwain Taylor
Terry Thibodeaux
Dwayne Thomas
Elaine Thomas
Ruby Thomas
Sandra Thomas
Shelia Thillis

Corridor Chaos

Rrring! "Hey!" "How are ya?" "Excuse me." — Crash, Bang, "Hello!" Crush, Bump. "Watch it!" "Hi!" "'Scuse me —" Rrring! — Silence. The familiar sounds of Murrah, during the four minutes allotted for the changing of classes. People, people, and more people — weaving in and out, stopping to speak to a friend or to pick up a dropped book. Lockers were slammed, beaten, yelled at, or gently patted and sweetly spokent to: "Oh come on, you stupid locker!" Pound, pound, "Open! You never open! —" "25-3-10, please open!" Some people meandered down the hall, speaking to friends, stopping by the water fountain, and finally calmly walking into their classroom. Others hurried from class to locker to class, with hardly a word to anyone. Still others, ran, banged, and screamed. Together, they made up the noise of Murrah. Useless racket? Maybe . . . But imagine school without the noise, without the banging of lockers, without the yelling of students. It just wouldn't be Murrah!

#!+# — A frustrated Thomas McKinely kicks his locker as Jerome Lewis peaceably uses the combination lock.

Sandra Tillman
William Tomlinson
Jessie Townsend
Gregory Tripp
Paula Tumbleston
Ametha Wade
Trent Walker

Vincent Walker
Linda Ward
David Warren
Annie Washington
Eric Watson
Julia Weaver
Charles Webster

Cheryl Wells
Ronnie Wells
Terri Wells
Tyrone Wells
Laurie West
Kona White
Doug Wilfong

Carrie Williams
Cynthia Williams
Elizabeth Williams
Eugene Williams
John Williams
Michael Williams
Sandra Williams

Thomas Williams
Valencia Williams
Faye Wilson
Claude Winn
Willie Winters
Jon Woodward
Karen Woodard

Ramona Wright
Robert Yarbrough

Carrie Young
Rob Young

A bridge not too far. The swinging bridge in Riverside Park's Nature Trail provides Murrah Singers with entertainment during one of their park picnics.

Riverside High

Pitching pennies in the park — Magister takes time out from leading his Latin students on a tree identifying expedition.

Why I went to the woods — New Singers John Ratliff and Grant Nooe enjoy the music of the second year Singers in Riverside's amphitheatre.

When the days grew balmy and spring fever hit, there was a mass exodus from Murrah High to Riverside "High", with excuses ranging from education to just plain fun. Magister Barfield often took his Latin classes to the park's Nature Trail, where they learned the Latin names of foliage; and Mrs. Hardy's fourth period American History class had a "colonial picnic" as part of Lee Wallace's term paper on colonial cooking. The National Honor Society also visited Riverside, as did the Murrah Singers, and the park was once again honored as the site of the William Belton Murrah Day picnic. On weekends and after school, students flocked to Riverside to fly kites, throw frisbees, picnic, and just socialize. During summer days, Riverside became Murrah's surrogate as Misses and cheerleaders met daily for practice — as promptly as if they were meeting class, and school was in session. Riverside Park — a place to go, just a mile down the road, to enjoy a moment or two away from the everyday routine of school.

Assembly Committee. (1st row) Patricia Murphey, Robert Bowman, Kathy Watson, Alisa Wilson, Carneal Chambliss, Cathye Ross. (2nd row) Kandye Jones, Lyn Denson, Vanessa Wilson, Karen Evers, Rebecca Harris, Denise Matlock, Jackie Morris. (3rd row) Kenta Richardson, Tonya Thomas, Frederick Gates, Sara Lee, Regina Henderson, Hunter Gibson.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

	Opponent	Murrah
Port Gibson	56	67
Greenville	68	89
Callaway	70	73
Provine	81	96
Flora	38	97
Jefferson County	77	72
Vicksburg	65	63
Hazlehurst	42	71
Clinton	47	49
S. Leake	84	103
S. Leake	75	82
Wingfield	62	74
Clinton	48	60
Lanier	73	92
Jim Hill	69	60
Hinds AHS	71	101
Forest Hill	53	76
Jim Hill	85	58
Forest Hill	60	76
Jim Hill	64	63
Warren Central	58	84
Port Gibson	62	88
Lanier	95	86
Greenville	54	65
North Natchez	88	95
Sub District		
Canton	72	90
Callaway	76	67
Brandon	45	47
District		
Vicksburg	67	70
Callaway	52	54
Jim Hill	63	72
South Mississippi		
Pascagoula	63	65
Brookhaven	73	49
Jefferson Co.	48	49
State Tournament		
Horn Lake	51	50

GIRLS BASKETBALL

	Opponent	Murrah
Port Gibson	51	44
Greenville	56	34
Gallaway	55	58
Provine	67	43
Jefferson Co.	46	35
Vicksburg	49	36
Clinton	56	44
South Leake	54	30
South Leake	52	36
Wingfield	48	41
Clinton	63	40
Lanier	67	32
Forest Hill	39	37
Forest Hill	63	38
Jim Hill	80	50
Warren Central	63	36
Port Gibson	32	50
Jim Hill	52	34
Greenville	48	35
North Natchez	61	56
Sub District		
Florence	63	28

SOFTBALL

	Opponent	Murrah
Lanier	18	8
Forest Hill	17	7
Warren Central	8	4
Jim Hill	18	8
Wingfield	17	20
Callaway	11	10
Jim Hill	17	11
Warren Central	14	4
Provine	11	8
Wingfield	5	11
Lanier	13	15
Provine	10	8
Callaway	11	13
Forest Hill	10	7

TENNIS

	Opponent	Murrah
Jim Hill	3	2
Lanier	2	3
Provine	2	3
Yazoo City	1	4
Callaway	3	2
Pearl	2	3
Forest Hill	2	3
Wingfield	3	2
St. Joseph	2	3

BASEBALL

	Opponent	Murrah
Brandon	18	7
Yazoo City	4	6
Callawy	10	1
Brandon	6	1
Clinton	3	1
Pearl	8	4
Canton	1	8
Jim Hill	7	0
Provine	16	15
Florence	19	13
Wingfield	7	1
Canton	6	10
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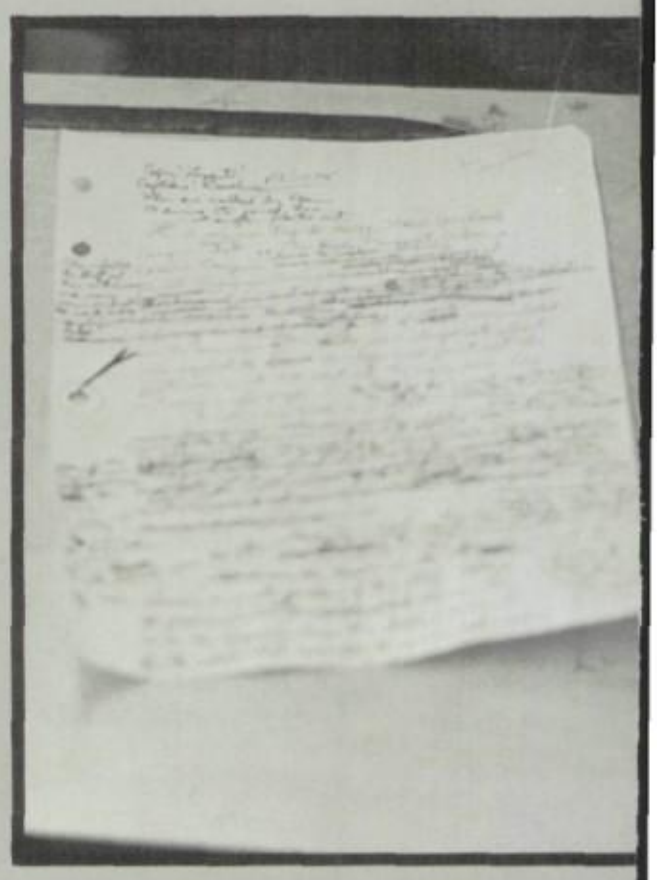
"Look what I caught!" Tracy Dubreville clowns around with Carney Stevens during a cheerleader bake sale.



1979 — The end of a decade. Many of its elements were present in other years, but never in the combination that made 1978-79 unique. Murrah has always had National Merit Finalists, and that tradition remained unbroken. Two times in history, 1962 and 1979, the basketball team won the District Six title and played in the state tournament. The soccer team gained the support of the student body and fought its way to become city champs. Murrah was once again invited to compete in the Challenge Bowl.

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"Ro-o-oll Blue! — Julia Weaver yells enthusiastically as Nicky Draper is amused by the other side of the gym.

A lonely Melody — Silas Stapleton is driven by the knowledge that he must practice many hours to achieve perfection.

"No more than 3 people —" As Warren Tate reads the morning paper, Leisa Mikles and Mr. Randy Cowell, a favorite substitute, discuss library priveleges.

Variety is the spice of life — The many different sights and sounds of a football game attract the attention of Julie Kemerling, Linda Kearney, and Vicki Sallis, as Mac McNease leaves for the refreshment stand. *(TOP RIGHT)*

Smile! It makes people wonder what you've been up to. As Mary Powel Jabaley and Wes Brown discuss some weighty matter, Ellece O'Hara, Susan Hartung, Jana Stroh, and Grace Baringer enjoy a soccer game while posing for the photographer.

MHS:

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Go forth and conquer — After a long day at school, MHS students are still energetic.

Reflections on . . . Jan McDonnieal dreams of the future and of winning the football game.

Bumper [illegible] *Resume* theme.

Countless little things were the same — or were different. But one thing will always remain a part of the life of any student here — the Spirit of MHS. The love for anything labeled "Mustang," the loyalty to the Blue and Silver, even the faithfulness of attending classes. And most of all, the readiness to tell the world, "MHS: We're Still the One!"

The Horse — The spirit of Murrah is displayed by sophomore cheerleaders Julie James and Sandra Tillman.

Still the One!

Trish,
It's been so much fun! Though I've teased you a lot you know I love you. It's really been a blessing to have met you. You're so pretty and always friendly. I'm sure I'll see you many more times and I do hope so. Good luck at school next year and in life in years to come. Thanks for the memories, Trici!

Love,
Betty

Tricia,
Just a few hours from now we will be officially graduated from Murrah High School. We've both been waiting for this day for very long. Too long? In just a couple of months we'll be up at Ole Miss. I really can't wait. I've been looking forward to that for many years. We are going to have a great time, even though hardly any of our school friends will be there. I guess we'll just have to get some more, that is if I'm not too scared. We'll have fun this summer and be good.

Love ya,
Lisa G.

Trish - Fish,

It has definately been a pleasure knowing you for the past two years. You are such a beautiful person through and through. It has been fun in Gulfshores, in the bus on out-of-town trips, Gatlinburgh, etc. Have a fun summer.

Class of '80 Love,
Ric

Trish

It's been great [illegible] this year looking at [illegible] bright & cheerful face. Live [illegible] so much fun all year long. I [illegible] you have fun at Ole Miss, but [illegible] Miss. State will always be #1. [illegible] Miss, you so much next year. With Love & Friendship Much Love & Friendship Keith Winstead

Tricia, some kinder Tricia, I've been special. Life has so privileged to be so [illegible] with you. Sorry for your [illegible] Thanks for your [illegible] of support when I [illegible] it really was down it [illegible] Jake care of [illegible] Through the [illegible] I will always [illegible] you. Love you Ric "80"

THIS PAGE IS RESERVED FOR VICKI - DO NOT TOUCH!!!!

I mean, what can I say? You'll notice that this page was not even touched! I'm excited - I HAVE **CLOUT**! Well, Freeman, we've made it through how many years of this crap? (Who wants to count 'em?) I hope you can read this - I couldn't take up an entire 2 pages... I'm not selfish!!! Kid, I can't believe we've gotten through The Senior Year - how unreal! Now we have to go back to being Freshmen - ugh. College should be pretty exciting. You'll have to come down to party New Orleans style and I'll be up. Partying Ole Miss style! I've never partied at Ole Miss before - it should be exciting!!! We'll have to go back to MHS together - especially to Sings. It'll be really neat to be able to walk in and see Barbara and the 1979-80 Murrah singers! God, that sounds weird! Boy, we've had so much fun in that group, especially this year in Gatlinburg. It was strange as far as emotions were concerned, but I had a great time! Pooh-Bear and Chuckie Monkey could get us through anything! It's nice to have friends, huh! You've been a fantastic friend, Tricia. We've been through a hellova lot, but together we've always made it. I remember how scared I was after Bailey cause I thought you'd forget me at Central. Well, even though we weren't together an awful lot, we never lost touch. Then, last year during my, um, whatever, you were right there, waiting for me to grow up. And all the times we've listened to each other say "I'm so in love" and "I hate the bastard" and "what am I going to do?", etc., etc., etc. God, you've held my hand through some heavy-duty hurting! I'm glad - so glad - you were there and I'm glad I could be there for you sometimes. And don't forget "007 Trish + Vick" - waiting for people to jump out of the tall grass, waiting for the Military Police to pull us over and, well, you know...! We've had so much fun, spying and telling JUICY gossip! Who's gonna be my gossip buddy? I don't want to think about it. All I can say about the future is, I want to be in the wedding! Don't forget. Boy, Trish + Vick have some hell-raisin' to do in the future! Tricia, I'm really proud to have you as a friend. You mean so much to me - I can't even tell you what you've added to my life. Lasting friendships are just that - lasting - and ours is going to last forever because it's deep and it's real. It's grown from second grade to seventh, when you said, "Aren't you Vicki?" and then it's grown so much from that to what it is now. You have been my best friend for six years and we have a lot more ahead. I'm always here for you, whenever you need a friend for any reason.

I love you always.

Vicki